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Frank H. Reed

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## FRANK H. REED.

Frank H. Reed, a Tulsa lawyer who has won notable success in the oil industry, is the owner of a large number of oil producing tracts in the various oil fields of Oklahoma and has become widely known as a producer and investor. He was born in Geneva, Indiana, on the 20th of January, 1880, his parents being W. M. and Hannah (Tederick) Reed, the former a native of Indiana, while the latter was born in Ohio. The father during his active business career gained most favorable recognition as an editor and publisher. Mr. Reed's parents are both in Tulsa and are consistent and devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal church. To them were born five children, one of whom has passed away.

Frank H. Reed obtained his education in the public and high schools of Morris, Illinois, where the family home had been established when he was a lad of nine years. Inheriting a tendency toward newspaper work, Mr. Reed started as a newsboy, then became a printer's devil in the office of the Morris Daily Sentinel and learned the printing trade, at the same time continuing his school work. At the age of nineteen he became identified with journalistic work as a writer for Chicago papers and as reporter on the Morris Daily Sentinel, soon rising to the position of city editor of that paper, which position he held for three years. It was his desire, however, to become a member of the legal profession and with that end in view he devoted three years to the study of law at night, being admitted to the Illinois bar in February, 1902, when but twenty-two years of age. He was the youngest member of a class of seventy who were examined for two days by the Illinois supreme court. He began active practice at Morris, Illinois, where he remained until August, 1905, when he made his way to Wewoka, Indian Territory, a town which was then a typical frontier village but which later became the county seat of Seminole county, Oklahoma. Mr. Reed practiced his profession at Wewoka for nearly twelve years, and, although he limited his activities to Indian titles and their many complications, he soon built up a law practice of vast proportions. The versatile character of Mr. Reed is well illustrated by the fact that he gained a splendid knowledge of the language spoken by the Seminole Indians, and through his ability to converse with them in their own language and his straightforward business methods, he endeared himself to the Indian citizens to such an extent that he became the sole attorney of hundreds of them and confidential adviser to many of the leading members and officials of the Seminole tribe. After moving to Tulsa, Mr. Reed abandoned his law practice and has devoted all of his time to his oil interests and the care of his extensive landholdings. He is a typical American product, having climbed the ladder from newsboy to wealth, being one of the largest land-owners in Oklahoma. His holdings are located in ten different counties and the number of his broad acres runs far into five figures. Besides his handsomely furnished oil offices in Tulsa, he maintains an office in Wewoka, Oklahoma, through which most of his land interests are handled.

In 1904 Mr. Reed was united in marriage to Miss Isabelle Steep, of Morris, Illinois, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Steep. They now have two children: Edward, who was born April 26th, 1907; and Margaret, whose birth occurred June 9, 1918. They have a beautiful home at 1526 South Madison boulevard.

Mr. Reed is versatile, pleasant, agreeable, a good story-teller, a golf enthusiast and a popular member of the Country Club, the City Club and the Kiwanis Club. He is independent in politics and has never sought nor held public office. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, having taken all the degrees, of both the York and Scottish Rite bodies. He is a member of Akdar Temple of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Reed and his family are attendants of the Christian Science church.

Being public-spirited, Mr. Reed's name has become known in connection with philanthropic work of a varied character. He was the first man in Tulsa to suggest that the wealthy men of the city should build memorials by placing conveniences and equipment in the city parks, he having erected the Frank H. Reed wading pools for children in Locust Park and in Admiral Park. A young man of splendid executive ability, forceful, resourceful and enterprising, he well deserves the prosperity which has crowned his efforts and which places him among the leading and influential citizens of Tulsa and the state of Oklahoma.

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#### RAYMOND CALVERT JOPLING.

Raymond Calvert Jopling, of the firm of Jopling & Whiteside, conducting a real estate, insurance and loan agency in Tulsa, has the quality of determination and perseverance so necessary in the attainment of success. Actuated by a laudable ambition, he is making steady progress in his business career and is winning satisfactory results. He was born at Italy, Ellis county, Texas, April 28, 1891, and is a son of Benjamin L. and Leonore (Calvert) Jopling, both of whom were natives of Texas. The father was born in Tarrant county, near Fort Worth, his birthplace being Johnson Station, a military post, for his father, George W. Jopling, went to Texas with General Worth and established the military post at Fort Worth. He served as a soldier of the Confederate army during the Civil war. He also built the first cotton gin in Tarrant county and was one of the prominent and influential men of Texas in his day. He likewise owned the first house erected in the county, the construction work being done by the Indians. Benjamin L. Jopling became a cattleman and acquired extensive land holdings, devoting his entire attention to cattle raising for many years. He removed to Bellevue, Texas, and in 1908 came to Oklahoma, where again he continued to concentrate his efforts and attention upon the raising of cattle. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church and fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Raymond C. Jopling spent his youthful days in Bellevue, Clay county, Texas, where he attended the public schools and at sixteen years of age started out to provide for his own support. He is truly a self-made man, inasmuch as his success has come as the direct reward of industry, perseverance and integrity. In his boyhood his attention was given to cattle raising on the plains of Texas and he served as straw boss on the Bar X ranch in that state for two years. He then turned his attention to the banking business at Ryan, Oklahoma, becoming assistant cashier of the People's Bank & Trust Company, a position which he occupied for four years. On the expiration of that





RAYMOND C. JOPLING



period he entered the employ of the Waurika (Okla.) National Bank, where he spent two years. Because of impaired health he then returned to Texas and for a year was in charge of the pavilions of the Crazy Well Water Company at Mineral Wells. He then started out as a public auditor in the Texas oil fields and in 1913 came to Oklahoma, establishing his home at Tulsa, where he was connected with Carr & French in the insurance business as general manager. In October, 1917, he removed to Wichita, Kansas, where he conducted business as a member of the firm of Jopling & Whiteside, general insurance agents, handling all kinds of insurance. It was in March, 1918, that he formed his partnership with C. B. Whiteside and their operations have covered Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. Mr. Jopling had his initial experience as an insurance man when in Ryan in connection with the banking business. The firm of Jopling & Whiteside enjoys a liberal patronage and Mr. Jopling is also the president of the R. C. Jopling Company, real estate dealers, engaged in city building of medium-priced houses. They also conduct a real estate brokerage business, having a department that handles real estate on commission. Thus the activities of Mr. Jopling have constantly broadened in scope and importance and the energy which has been back of his operations has been a most forceful factor in producing gratifying results. Mr. Jopling belongs to the Real Estate Exchange of Tulsa, also the state and national organizations.

In St. Louis, Missouri, July 20, 1917, Mr. Jopling was married to Miss Virginia Bell Wiet, a native of St. Louis, her father being a contractor there. One child has been born of this marriage, Raymond Calvert. During the World war Mr. Jopling was very active in support of many war measures and gave much time to the sale of Liberty bonds. His wife is very active in club circles and in church work. They both hold membership in the First Baptist church and Mr. Jopling is serving on its board. His political endorsement is given to the democratic party and he is much interested in its success. He belongs to the Lions Club, of which he is a past secretary; to the Automobile Club, having served on its first board of directors; to the City Club, of which he was one of the first six members; to the Elks Lodge, No. 946; to Delta Lodge, No. 425, A. F. & A. M.; to the Knights of Pythias; and to the Chamber of Commerce. All of these associations are indicative of the interests of his life and the trend of his thought and progress. His helpfulness is a valuable asset in many measures for the general good and he is interested in all those activities which feature in the material, social, intellectual and moral advancement of the community.

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#### CHARLES D. CROTCHETT.

Charles D. Crotchett, manager of the Tulsa branch of the stock and bond business of Houston, Fible & Company, and a well known figure in financial circles of this section of the state, was born in Wyandotte, Kansas, May 14, 1882, his parents being L. D. and Mary Jane (Cooley) Crotchett. The father was born in Kansas and has devoted his life to teaching, now making his home in Osage county of his native state. The mother, who was born in Leavenworth county, Kansas, has passed away. The family numbered three children.

Charles D. Crotchett, reared in the Sunflower state, largely acquired his education in the public schools of Topeka, after which he became a telegraph operator, devoting a few years to that business. His connection with Tulsa dates

from June 6, 1917. He had formerly made his home in Kansas City from the 28th of February, 1905, and has been with the big stock and bond house of Houston, Fible & Company of Kansas City, for a period of sixteen years. On the 6th of June, 1917, he was sent to Tulsa as their representative and manager at this point, where a very large business is carried on and he has gained many clients for the firm during his residence here. Mr. Crotchett has been very successful and popular in the management of the business and has made a large acquaintance and won the support of many of the leading men of Oklahoma. He is located in a fine suite of offices on the ground floor of the First National Bank building of Tulsa and as the weeks pass his clientele steadily increases.

In 1901 Mr. Crotchett was married to Miss Anna Marie Kraemer of Topeka, Kansas, and they have become the parents of two children: Anna, who is attending the Missouri University; and Ruth. Mr. Crotchett belongs to Petroleum Lodge, No. 474, A. F. & A. M., and is also a Chapter Mason. He belongs to the Country Club, which indicates his fondness for golf, which he makes his source of recreation. He likewise is a member of the Boston Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, South, and his conduct is at all times governed by its teachings. Enterprise and reliability are numbered among his marked characteristics and a laudable ambition has carried him steadily forward, winning for him an enviable place in the financial circles of his adopted city.

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#### CLYDE R. THURLWELL.

The splendid vitality of Tulsa as an industrial and commercial center has drawn to the city men of exceptional ability not only in general business administration but also those representative of the best in the various professions. Clyde R. Thurlwell is one of the men who is here upholding effectively the prestige of the legal profession, in which he controls a successful practice, with office headquarters in the Unity building, giving his attention largely to law business pertaining to land titles and to the handling of probate matters.

Mr. Thurlwell was born in McHenry county, Illinois, on the 8th of September, 1880, and is a son of John and Ruth (Wilkins) Thurlwell, the former born near the city of Liverpool, England, and the latter in the state of New York. The father was a youth when he came to the United States, and in the early '50s became a resident of Illinois, where eventually he gained prestige as a successful contractor and builder.

The public schools afforded to Clyde R. Thurlwell his early educational discipline and in 1902 he was graduated from the law department of Valparaiso University, at Valparaiso, Indiana. In the same year Mr. Thurlwell assumed a clerical position in a law office in the city of Chicago, where he gave a part of his time to stenographic work and where also he gained his initial experience in the practice of his profession. He continued his residence in the great western metropolis until 1908, when he came to Oklahoma and accepted the position of court stenographer or reporter at Okmulgee. Since 1911 he has been established in the practice of his profession at Tulsa, with naught of spectacular activity but with resourcefulness and discrimination in the handling of the very substantial law business which he has here built up. In politics Mr. Thurlwell supports men and measures meeting the approval of his judgment, irrespective of strict partisan lines. He is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity and is an active member of the Tulsa County Bar Association.

Mr. Thurlwell was twenty-eight years of age at the time of his marriage to Miss Clara Bramer, who was born and reared in the state of Wisconsin and who graciously presides in their pleasant home in Tulsa. They have no children.

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### NAT L. SANDERS.

Nat L. Sanders, postmaster of Broken Arrow, is well known throughout Tulsa county as one of its substantial citizens. Coming to this county before the town of Broken Arrow was a reality he realized the many advantages it offered and engaged in a variety of pursuits connected more or less closely with the development and improvement of the county and the establishment of the town in which he is now residing. Like many other prominent men of Tulsa county Mr. Sanders is a native of another state, his birth having occurred in Greenville, Texas, on the 16th of March, 1864, a son of Charles B. and Viola (Polk) Sanders. The maternal grandfather was a cousin of the well known James K. Polk, eleventh president of the United States and the grandparents on both sides located in Arkansas in 1829 and 1830. Charles B. Sanders was born in Huntsville, Alabama, and his wife in Huntsville, Arkansas. In 1849 the father crossed the plains to California but later returned to Huntsville, Arkansas, where he engaged in the stock business until about 1863, when with his family he removed to Greenville, Texas. Upon the outbreak of the Civil war his sympathy was with the south and he enlisted in the Confederate army, serving under General Price throughout the conflict. After the close of hostilities he moved his family back to Madison county, Arkansas, and there purchased land which he operated for many years. This old home place is still in possession of the family. In addition to farming he conducted a hotel in Huntsville for several years and likewise bought and sold stock. In every undertaking in which Mr. Sanders was active he won success. He died in September, 1898, at the age of seventy-two years, financially independent. Mrs. Sanders lived until 1911, when her demise occurred at the age of seventy-four.

In the acquirement of an education Nat L. Sanders attended the schools of Huntsville, Arkansas, and later entered the State University at Fayetteville, from which he was graduated in the required time. After putting his textbooks aside he accepted a position as clerk in a Huntsville store and was active in that capacity for fourteen years, the entire time being spent in the employ of one man. In 1893 he received the appointment as collector of internal revenue for nine counties in northwestern Arkansas, the appointment having been made by President Cleveland, and for four years and nineteen days he was active in that capacity. He then became cashier of the Madison County Bank at Huntsville, but in 1901 tendered his resignation and came to Indian Territory, building a store and cotton-gin six miles south of where the town of Broken Arrow now stands. For nineteen months he was active in the operation of those interests and upon the establishment of the town of Broken Arrow removed his buildings there and became active in the development and improvement of that place. He was among the first to buy property there and after six years spent in the conduct of his old store he purchased a new building and engaged in the mercantile business for four or five years, when he was elected county commissioner. He then disposed of his business and realized a substantial amount on the sale. He was on the board that built the present county courthouse and

after serving in that capacity for two years was in July, 1913, appointed postmaster by Woodrow Wilson. He has served for eight years in this connection and has won the confidence and respect of the entire community. As stockholder and director of the Arkansas Valley State Bank of Broken Arrow he is prominent in financial circles and is likewise one of the directors of the Farmers Cooperative Grain Company. He is a stockholder in the Tulsa Light Corporation and is the owner of a valuable farm property near Broken Arrow, on which two small oil wells have been located. He has always taken a great interest in the growth of his community and has invested in a good deal of good business and residence property.

In December of the year 1884 Mr. Sanders was united in marriage to Miss Lutie Berry, and to them five children have been born: Ruth, who is the wife of H. L. Hollmsworth of Broken Arrow; Hugh B., who is now farming after serving for eight years as county treasurer; Belle, who is the wife of T. F. Jamison, manager of the Farmers Union Grain Company of Coffeyville, Kansas; Julian B., who resides at home where he is engaged in the real estate business, and Amy C., the wife of H. E. Barnard, a merchant of Broken Arrow. Mrs. Sanders is widely known in the community where she is conceded a model housewife and mother.

The political allegiance of Mr. Sanders is given to the democratic party, he having firm belief in the efficacy of the principles of that party as factors in good government. Fraternally he is a Mason, in which order he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and the Shrine and he likewise holds membership in the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Modern Woodmen of America and Woodmen of the World. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church, of which organization he was at one time trustee. During the World war Mr. Sanders took an active and prominent part in all local war drives and he received a medal from the post office department for the sale of stamps. His son, Julian B., served as regimental sergeant major but did not get across to France. For many years he has been a resident of Tulsa county and his labors have brought about the settlement and development of various districts. He has thoroughly identified his interests with those of his community and there is no more enthusiastic booster of Broken Arrow than he, having already gained recognition as a leader in movements calculated to promote its welfare.

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#### ERNEST B. HUSTON.

Ernest B. Huston, while treasurer of the Sinclair Oil & Gas Company, one of the largest corporations of this character operating in Oklahoma, has also found time and opportunity for activity along other lines that have been of marked benefit to the state in the support of high principles of American manhood and citizenship. Mr. Huston comes to the southwest from New England, his birth having occurred at Newton, Massachusetts, August 5, 1876. He is a son of Daniel D. and Emma (Orchard) Huston, the former a native of Maine, while the latter was born in England. They became the parents of two children, the brother of Ernest B. being William D. Huston, now living in Boston, Massachusetts. The parents have departed this life.

Ernest B. Huston, having attended the public schools of his native city until he had completed the high school course there, started out in the business world



ERNEST B. HUSTON





as an employe in a dry goods store of Boston, in which he remained for a brief period. He then turned his attention to the insurance business in Boston, in which he won notable success, but the opportunities of the growing west attracted him and in 1904 he made his way to Independence, Kansas, where he continued for nine years, having charge of the financial interests of the Sinclairs at that place. The year 1911 witnessed his arrival in Tulsa and through the intervening period he has been financial man for the Sinclair interests and his official position is that of treasurer of the Sinclair Oil & Gas Company. He thus controls very large and important interests, for the corporation is one of the foremost operating in the oil fields of Oklahoma. One who has known him long and well says of him: "In a business way he has always acted in a most straightforward, considerate and upright manner, and I have always regarded him as a man of the most sterling integrity. He has that fortunate and happy, although uncommon, human faculty of being able to see the other man's side of the argument as well as his own, and it certainly helps in this busy world of high strung humanity." Mr. Huston is ever painstaking in handling details, is an excellent organizer and an indefatigable worker. These qualities have been strong elements in the attainment of his success, bringing him to the prominent and creditable position which he occupies in connection with one of the chief industries of Oklahoma.

In October, 1907, Mr. Huston was married to Miss Alice Chandler, a daughter of Joseph Chandler, a pioneer settler and prominent resident of Independence, Kansas. They have become parents of one son, Donald E., born November 2, 1915.

Mr. Huston is a member and elder of the First Presbyterian church and is also serving as assistant superintendent of the Sunday school. He has never neglected his religious duties but performs them in a way befitting a true American Christian, being thoughtful of those in distress and charitable to those who have needed kindly assistance. He is one of the directors and the vice president of the Tulsa Young Men's Christian Association and his generous support is given to all movements that tend to promote moral progress. He seeks the best in literature and keenly enjoys everything of an instructive or educational nature. A member of the Rotary Club, he was active on its board and as one of its officials. Fraternally he is a Mason and has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and is a Knight Templar and Shriner. The friends of his youth and early manhood as well as those of his later years speak of him in terms of the highest regard because of the life that he has lived and the high standards which he has pursued. His position as a business man is today a very important one in Oklahoma, but he is equally a dynamic force in the advancement of those interests which make for the upbuilding of the community and the commonwealth and for the uplift of the individual.

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#### HULETTE FUQUA ABY.

Hulette Fuqua Aby, senior partner in the firm of Aby & Tucker, attorneys of Tulsa, was born in Crystal Springs, Mississippi, January 15, 1879. His father Samuel H. Aby, was a native of Copiah county, Mississippi, and spent much of his life at Crystal Springs. He became a newspaperman and was publisher of a paper for many years. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, South.

In early manhood he wedded Mary J. Spencer, who was born at Crystal Springs, Mississippi, and they became the parents of three children, all of whom are living.

After acquiring his early education in the public schools of his native state Hulet F. Aby attended the University of Mississippi and Louisiana State University. In 1901 he won his LL. B. degree at Millsaps College. He was admitted to the bar in Mississippi in 1901 and for a time engaged in law practice in Mississippi but on the 9th of January, 1902, came to Tulsa, which was then a small town of little importance. He practiced alone for a time and then in 1905 organized the firm of Aby & Tucker, which has maintained a continuous existence through the intervening period of sixteen years. The firm engages in civil practice, making a specialty of corporation law and this is today the oldest firm of attorneys in continuous practice in Tulsa. Its clientage is now very extensive and of a most important character, as the firm is the legal representative of some of the largest corporation interests of the city. Mr. Aby belongs to the Tulsa County, Oklahoma State and American Bar Associations.

In 1906 Mr. Aby was married to Miss Cora Mae Hansel of Missouri, a daughter of John Hansel of Joplin, Missouri. They have become parents of two sons: H. F., Jr., now thirteen years of age; and William Willing. Mr. Aby turns to fishing for recreation, greatly enjoying this pastime when his professional duties permit. He has always been keenly interested in everything pertaining to public progress and improvement and was the first secretary of the Commercial Club of Tulsa, filling the position in 1902. This is now the Chamber of Commerce, with which he is still connected. He belongs to the Sigma Alpha Epsilon, is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and also has membership in the Lions Club and the Country Club. He belongs to the Boston Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, South, of which he is a trustee. His ideals of life are high, his activities far-reaching and resultant. He stands for those principles which make for upright manhood and honorable citizenship and through the careful utilization of his time and talents has gained a position among the eminent lawyers of his adopted state.

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### PATRICK HENRY MORONEY.

Named in honor of one of America's most illustrious patriots, this representative member of the Tulsa bar has shown in his individual career the same high spirit of loyalty and patriotism that characterized Patrick Henry when he uttered the immortal words, "Give me liberty or give me death," and mindful of the sorrows and afflictions of the land of his forefathers, it is but natural that Mr. Moroney should likewise be found as an opponent of tyranny and oppression in the fair Emerald isle and thus be a stalwart advocate of the cause of Irish freedom.

Mr. Moroney was born in Oberlin, Ohio, on the 2d of January, 1867, and is a son of James P. and Mary (Shiel) Moroney, both representatives of the staunchest of Irish ancestry. James P. Moroney was, however, born in London, England, on the 22d of February, 1839, his wife having been born at Laughrea, County Galway, Ireland, on the 4th of March, 1840. His death occurred in 1898, his loved and devoted wife having passed away in the preceding year. James P. Moroney gained a common school education in the city of his nativity and his alert and receptive mind caused him to profit fully by the discipline which he thereafter gained through individual effort, as a great student and reader and

acquired a true perspective of human affairs through his association with the practical duties and responsibilities of life. He was a youth when he came to the United States, where he became identified with newspaper work on the New York Sun, of which Charles A. Dana was then the presiding genius. From the national metropolis he made his way to Ohio, and became editor and publisher of a newspaper at Bucyrus, that state. However, he subordinated all personal interests to tender his aid in defense of the nation when the Civil war was precipitated. He enlisted as a member of Company E, Forty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and with this command he took part in many engagements and lived up to the full tension of the great conflict through which the integrity of the nation was preserved. At the battle of Chickamauga he was wounded, but he was not long incapacitated by his injuries. In later years he vitalized his deep interest in his old comrades by maintaining appreciative affiliation with the Grand Army of the Republic. His marriage was solemnized in 1865, in Ohio, and in that state he became a prosperous farmer and influential citizen of Huron county, where he and his wife continued to reside until their death.

The public schools of the old Buckeye state afforded to Patrick H. Moroney his early education, which included the discipline of the high school, and thereafter he completed a normal course in what is now the great Valparaiso University, at Valparaiso, Indiana, in which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He became a successful teacher in the schools of Ohio and Louisiana, as well as in the city of Chicago, where simultaneously he availed himself of the advantages of the law department of Northwestern University, from which he received in 1896 his degree of Bachelor of Laws. In the following year he engaged in the practice of law in Chicago, continuing his professional activities there until 1903, when he removed to Parkersburg, West Virginia, where he became a successful general practitioner of law and also influential in public affairs, as a vigorous advocate of the principles of the republican party. He was elected police judge of Parkersburg and in his rulings on this bench he was specially considerate of boys and young men, whose misdemeanors he endeavored to correct by suspending sentence and giving the judicial advice that might turn them from their evil practices. In this connection he followed virtually the same kindly policies as has Judge Ben B. Lindsey of Denver, Colorado, who has made fame for himself in the field of juvenile jurisprudence. After having made a splendid record on the bench of the criminal branch of the municipal court of Parkersburg, Judge Moroney sought a broader field of professional endeavor and thus it was that in 1913 he came to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he has built up a substantial and representative law business, mainly in the department of civil practice, and where he has secure status as an able lawyer and loyal and public-spirited citizen. He is a member of the republican county committee of Tulsa county and has shown much ability in connection with the manoeuvring of political forces. He was one of the organizers of the Mid-Continent Brick & Tile Company, of which he is secretary, and which has developed one of the important manufacturing industries of Tulsa.

Special attention should be directed to the very active part Judge Moroney has taken as a member of the American Committee for Irish Independence and as a vigorous member of the Friends of Irish Freedom. In this connection he was prominently concerned with the drafting of resolutions, issued at a representative assemblage of American citizens at Tulsa, signifying unqualified approval of the independence of Ireland, copies of these resolutions having been sent to the secretary of state at Washington and also the British ambassador.

His zeal in this cause is a characteristic exemplification of the broad humanitarian spirit and the ideals of justice maintained by Judge Moroney. He and his wife are earnest communicants of the Catholic church, in which they are members of the parish of Holy Family church in Tulsa.

On February 22, 1898, occurred the marriage of Judge Moroney to Miss Margaret Patterson, who was born at Pittsfield, Illinois, and who is a daughter of John and Margaret (McDonald) Patterson, who were born in County Mayo, and County Clare, Ireland, respectively, and were young folk when they immigrated to the United States. Mr. Patterson landed at New Orleans and later went to Galveston, Texas. When the Civil war was initiated he there became a soldier of the Confederacy, while his brothers who had settled in the northwest became Union soldiers. After the close of the war Mr. Patterson engaged in farm enterprise in Illinois, and in the early '70s he became a pioneer farmer near Avoca, Iowa, where he developed a fine farm property and became a leader in his community, both he and his wife having there continued their residence until their death. Judge and Mrs. Moroney have six children: Helen Frances, Donald Patrick, Mary Elizabeth, Margaret Mona, John Charles Carroll, and Catherine Anna.

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#### GARABED A. Z. GARABEDIAN, M. D.

Dr. Garabed A. Z. Garabedian, who in the practice of medicine in Tulsa specializes in the treatment of children's diseases, came to the United States from the most interesting and historic old city of Constantinople, Turkey, where his birth occurred September 10, 1888. He is of Armenian nationality, his parents being Zacar and Virginia (Balian) Garabedian, both of whom were born in Constantinople. The father engaged in the banking business, being an official of the Imperial Ottoman Bank. He was, moreover, one of the oldest Protestant Armenians of Turkey and was very prominent in establishing a number of Protestant churches in the Ottoman empire. He did most effective work as the founder of the Armenian Evangelical church and his forceful character and qualities of leadership made him very successful in all that he undertook. He died in 1919 when sixty-three years of age, when warfare had reached his native country.

Garabed A. Z. Garabedian, whose name introduces this review, pursued his education in the American high school at Bardezag, a suburb of Constantinople, where he completed his course in 1905. In 1896 when a lad of but eight years he had been obliged to flee with others of his family to Bulgaria, owing to the Armenian massacre in Turkey, but after four years spent in that land he returned to Constantinople in 1900 and pursued his education as indicated. When that course was completed he entered Robert College at Constantinople but was soon obliged to leave the city on account of the political situation. Such was the condition of the country at that time that during one summer he was arrested three times for getting mail from America, the arrest being made when he was leaving the British post office. He traveled in Egypt for six months and later went to the Syrian Protestant College at Beirut, where he remained until 1907, when he came to America. He then entered the College of Science of the University of Illinois and studied night and day, finishing his course in 1910, having completed four years' work in three years and receiving the A. B. degree. During the last year he acted as instructor in physiology in the University. He next



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entered Rush Medical College, the medical department of the University of Chicago, making his way through college with scholarships that he had earned. He completed his course in March, 1913, winning the M. D. degree, after which he spent a year as interne in the Ravenswood Hospital. From 1914 to 1918 he was connected with the department of children's diseases in his alma mater, being assistant to Dr. John Milton Dodson, who was head of the department and dean of the medical college. Upon a competitive examination he was appointed health officer in 1915 for the public schools in Chicago but resigned the position in 1918 to come to Tulsa. Here he arrived in the month of September and through the intervening period has devoted his attention exclusively to children's diseases. Already his practice has assumed extensive proportions and is constantly growing as his ability is becoming more and more recognized.

In Chicago, in 1915 Dr. Garabedian was married to Miss Estelle Barakian, who was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, a daughter of the Rev. Haig Barakian, a Congregational minister. Dr. Garabedian belongs to Petroleum Lodge, No. 474, A. F. & A. M., and to Oklahoma Consistory, No. 1, A. A. S. R., at Guthrie. He is likewise a member of the Rotary Club and the University Club, and his religious faith is indicated in his connection with the First Methodist Episcopal church. Along professional lines he is identified with the Tulsa, Oklahoma State and American Medical Associations. He is a man of pronounced professional ability and one who deserves the greatest credit for what he has accomplished. There is much that is stimulating and inspiring in his life record. Reared in a land where people of his nationality and faith were in constant danger he improved every opportunity for the acquirement of a liberal education and at length sought "the land of the free" that he might enjoy the advantages, opportunities and liberties accorded in the new world. While restricted somewhat financially his ambition and energy secured for him the way to make possible the fulfillment of his hopes and his ambitions, and today he is recognized as a man of wide general learning as well as of professional skill—a man with whom association means expansion and elevation.

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#### WARNER P. FRAKER.

One of the popular and well known citizens of Broken Arrow, Tulsa county, is Warner P. Fraker, president of the Citizens National Bank, in which connection he has been active since 1912. He is likewise prominent in the agricultural circles of the county as a progressive and successful stock raiser and general farmer. He was born in Greene county, Tennessee, on the 23rd of October, 1860, a son of George W. and Rachel (Milburn) Fraker, both natives of Tennessee. The father was a minister of the Methodist church and for many years held various pastorates throughout his native state. He also operated a farm for a number of years. He met his death in 1902, while crossing the railroad near the place where he was born. In the passing of Rev. Mr. Fraker the community mourned the loss of a representative citizen. Mrs. Fraker passed away in October, 1898.

Warner P. Fraker is indebted to the schools of Greene county, Tennessee, for his preliminary education and in due time entered Tusculum College near Greeneville. He completed his course in the required time and in 1881 went to Iowa and bought land in Jasper county. He was active in the operation of the farm until 1900, when he came to Oklahoma and located in Canadian county.

In 1903 he came to Broken Arrow, Tulsa county, became an associate of a number of leading business men there and in July of that year assisted in the purchase of the First State Bank of Broken Arrow. He served as cashier of that institution from 1903 to 1912. In 1903 the bank had a capital stock of five thousand dollars and deposits amounting to six thousand dollars. In 1904 the capital was increased to twenty-five thousand dollars. The success of the bank seemed assured from the start and in 1912 it was reorganized as the Citizens National Bank, and the deposits at present amount to over two hundred and thirty-six thousand dollars. The surplus and undivided profits of the institution now total twelve thousand, three hundred and twenty-seven dollars. Upon the reorganization of the bank Mr. Fraker was made president, a position he has since held, and his executive ability has been a dominant factor in the constant development of the bank. In 1904, the quarters of the bank becoming too small, a newer and more modern building was erected, part of which is used for public offices. Mr. Fraker is also identified with the cattle industry and he is active in the management of a fine farm property of two hundred and eighty acres.

In September, 1889, the marriage of Mr. Fraker to Miss Jennie Wells took place. Mrs. Fraker was born in East Tennessee and she is well known in the club and social circles of Broken Arrow.

Since age conferred upon Mr. Fraker the right of franchise he has been a staunch supporter of the republican party and always keeps well informed on the vital questions and issues of the day. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and fraternally he is identified with the Masons, in which order he is a Shriner and has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. For thirty years he was a member of the Odd Fellows but has withdrawn from that organization. Mr. Fraker has quickly grasped every opportunity that presented itself and his courage, initiative and executive ability have been dominant elements in his success. Mr. and Mrs. Fraker have a large circle of friends and their home on East G street is a center for social and intellectual gatherings.

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#### JOSEPH MARSHALL REED.

Joseph Marshall Reed, secretary of the Home Building & Loan Association, is a man whose keen discernment enables him to take cognizance of every phase, side and problem of the business and whose executive force enables him to carry forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. He is splendidly qualified for the duties which devolve upon him in his present position and his labors are constituting a tangible element in Tulsa's improvement in the way of home building. Mr. Reed is a native of Tennessee, his birth having occurred on a farm in Overton county, June 1, 1884. His father, George Gideon Reed, was also born in Tennessee and is now living retired at Overton. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and belongs to the Masonic fraternity. In early manhood he wedded Elizabeth Peek, a native of Tennessee, who passed away at the age of thirty-four years. Of the six children of this marriage four are living.

In his youthful days Joseph M. Reed was a pupil in the Pleasant Hill school of Cumberland county and thus qualified for life's practical and responsible duties until he reached the age of seventeen years, when he became a resident of Guthrie, Oklahoma, and completed his education there with a high school



course. He afterward became a resident of Oklahoma City and entered into active connection with the Home Building & Loan Association as secretary, a position which he has occupied for eight years. He came to Tulsa in April, 1919, and through the intervening period has been secretary at this place. He is connected with some of the most progressive and reliable business men of Tulsa and the state and is engaged in promoting a business of great value to the city. Through the Building & Loan Association many homes have been erected and loans placed and the successful management of the business during the past two years has been attributable in no small measure to the efforts of Mr. Reed.

In April, 1905, was celebrated the marriage of Joseph Marshall Reed and Miss Jennie Litherland of Mount Carmel, Illinois, a daughter of Abner Litherland. They have become parents of three children: Morton, thirteen years of age; Margaret Jean, aged five; and Byrnie Marcelle, who is in her first year. Mr. Reed belongs to the Kiwanis Club, is the secretary of the City Club and a member of the Advertising Club. Fraternally he is a Mason and religiously a Presbyterian. He takes a most active and helpful part in the work of the church and Sunday school and does all in his power to further the moral progress and advancement of the community. His ideals of life are high and he strives eagerly to attain them. Men who know him—and he has a wide acquaintance—speak of him in terms of the highest regard, knowing that he is a man to be relied upon under every condition and that his word is as good as any bond solemnized by signature or seal.

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### JOHN R. CLARK.

Now engaged in the successful practice of his profession in the city of Tulsa John R. Clark is distinctively one of the pioneer members of the Oklahoma bar, and he has the honor of being one of the company of one hundred persons who organized and platted the town of Stillwater, now one of the important industrial, commercial and educational centers of the state.

Mr. Clark was born at Hamilton, Butler county, Ohio, on the 25th of March, 1856, and is a son of Patrick and Anna (Richards) Clark. Patrick Clark was born in the north of Ireland, was there reared and educated and thence came to the United States in 1852. He became a successful farmer in Ohio, was a man of fine mentality and good business ability, unassuming in his ways, had no desire for political activity or preferment but stood an exemplar of upright and loyal citizenship and commanded unqualified popular esteem, both he and his wife having been residents of Franklin county, Indiana, at the time of their death.

John R. Clark gained in his boyhood and youth a practical fellowship with the work of the home farm and received the advantages of the public schools of his native state and there attended college both at Oxford and Lebanon. He made a record of successful work as a teacher in the schools of both Ohio and Indiana, and at Lebanon, Ohio, studied law in the office and under the effective preceptorship of Judge William McBurney. In 1884 Mr. Clark established his residence at Winfield, Kansas, where he engaged in the real estate business and gave more or less attention to the work of his profession. In 1889 he became one of the pioneers and founders of Stillwater, Oklahoma, aided in the plating of the town and was one of its first practicing lawyers. He served several terms as mayor of Stillwater and also presided on the bench of the county

court. He was one of those prominently concerned in the formulating and developing of the admirable educational system of Oklahoma, and was a member of the first board of trustees of the state agricultural and mining college at Stillwater. As a member of the board of trustees of the university at Norman he aided greatly in bringing order out of the chaos into which the affairs of the institution had fallen. He still maintains a lively interest in educational matters and in this connection his advice and counsel are greatly valued.

In 1905 Mr. Clark became one of the pioneer members of the Tulsa bar and in addition to his active practice as a lawyer he here served more than five years as judge of the municipal court.

At Tulsa, in the year 1908, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Clark to Mrs. Mattie Maclay Kennier, whose father, a physician and surgeon of marked ability, was a representative of one of the old and honored families of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Clark have no children.

Judge Clark is loyally appreciative of the manifold advantages and attractions of the state of his adoption and in an unostentatious way has done much to further the civic and material development and progress of Oklahoma. He is liberal in the support of charitable and benevolent objects and organizations and he and his wife attend the Christian Science church. In the Masonic fraternity his affiliation is with Tulsa Lodge, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, while he still holds membership in the chapter of the Royal Arch Masons and the Knights Templars commandery at Stillwater.

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### JOSEPH WILEY SIMPSON.

Although one of the younger representatives of the Tulsa bar, Joseph Wiley Simpson has already attained a position that many an attorney of twice his years might well envy, this being due to his close and comprehensive study of legal principles and his power of analysis, which enables him to recognize readily the relation between facts and the law applicable thereto. Mr. Simpson was born in Oakman, Alabama, February 7, 1894, a son of Z. H. and Theresa Ann (Rayburn) Simpson, both of whom were natives of Tuscaloosa county, Alabama. The father was a soldier cadet of the University of Alabama and followed farming prior to the Civil war and afterward acquired large land holdings and engaged quite extensively in agricultural pursuits. He took great pride in his fine stock, especially horses, and was largely instrumental in increasing the production of the thoroughbred horses raised in his part of the state. He was likewise widely known as a successful breeder and raiser of Hereford cattle, Berkshire hogs, Angora goats and Southdown sheep. In fact he raised some of the best live stock in the country and also took great pride in raising fine turkeys. His labors were directly beneficial in improving the grade of stock raised in Alabama, where his position in that field of business was long one of leadership. He now makes his home in Oakman, Alabama, and is a consistent member of the Baptist church there.

Joseph W. Simpson attended the public schools and the high school of Birmingham, Alabama, and later spent two years as a student in the University of Alabama, where he gained the liberal education that has constituted an excellent basis for his knowledge of law. He began preparing for the bar in the office of L. J. Cox of Birmingham and was admitted to practice in Oklahoma in 1919. In the meantime he had served his country as a soldier of the World



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war, enlisting on the 22d of May, 1917, at Chattanooga, as a private. He was in the quartermaster's department for a year and for three months was sergeant. He was afterward transferred to the Engineer Corps at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, and was made regiment sergeant major. He sailed for France on the 17th of September, 1918, with the Six Hundred and Fifth Engineers, and was at Chaumont, attached to general headquarters. He was transferred to general headquarters of the Eighth Corps at Montigny-sur-Aube and was mustered out on the 3d of August, 1919.

Since his admission to the bar Mr. Simpson has devoted his attention to general law practice. He belongs to the Tulsa and to the State Bar Associations and is also a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. In politics he is quite active as a supporter of democratic principles. Alert and enterprising, the future undoubtedly holds for him success, for he is not afraid of that hard labor and thorough preparation which constitute the basic elements in progress at the bar.

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#### A. E. LANDSITTEL.

A. E. Landsittel, secretary of the Export Oil Corporation of Tulsa, was born in Lowell, Washington county, Ohio, February 5, 1890, his parents being John W. and Elizabeth (Rothley) Landsittel, who were likewise natives of the Buckeye state. The father was an oil well contractor, devoting his life to that business. He belonged to the Lutheran church and passed away in that faith. In the family were four children, two of whom have departed this life.

A. E. Landsittel became a pupil in the public schools of Lowell at the usual age and mastered the various branches of learning until he had completed the high school course. Starting out in life on his own account he became identified with the oil business as a pipe lineman, living in Illinois, where he remained for eight years, being identified through that period with the Indiana Refining Company in various capacities. In January, 1916, he left the middle west and came to Tulsa, where he is now secretary of the Export Oil Corporation and manager of the western division. He is familiar with many phases of the oil industry and his activity has been a source of gratifying profit.

In 1911 Mr. Landsittel was married to Miss Ola Day, of Lawrenceville, Illinois, a daughter of Charles Day, and they have become parents of one daughter, Josephine. Mr. and Mrs. Landsittel hold membership in the Christian church and he belongs to Delta Lodge, No. 425, A. F. & A. M., and to the Royal Arch chapter. He is a member of the Rotary Club, is a baseball fan and is fond of reading. There have been no esoteric phases in his career and his well defined characteristics have ever been such as to gain for him the respect and confidence of his fellowmen, while his qualities have insured him success in business.

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#### HERBERT LESLIE STANDEVEN.

Herbert Leslie Standeven, vice president of the Exchange Trust Company of Tulsa, was born in Boone, Iowa, November 20, 1878. His father, Joseph H. Standeven, was a native of Paterson, New Jersey, and was a youth of eleven years when he took up his abode at Boone, Iowa. He served as a bugler in a Missouri regiment during the Civil war and at all times gave his political sup-

port to the democratic party, while fraternally he was a Mason. He married Susan Norton and they became the parents of seven children who are yet living. The mother is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. The father has passed away.

Herbert L. Standeven largely acquired his education in the public and high schools of Omaha, Nebraska, and in the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and afterward taking up the study of law, was admitted to the bar in 1900. For a year thereafter he practiced his profession in Omaha and then came to Oklahoma, settling in Hobart, Kiowa county, in 1901. There he continued to engage in law practice and served as county attorney of Kiowa county, following the admission of the state into the Union. He removed to Tulsa in January, 1914, and continued in law practice until 1916, when he was appointed county judge of Tulsa county and remained upon the bench until January, 1918, when he resigned and became one of the organizers of the Exchange Trust Company. Elected to the vice presidency, he has since served in this position and has done much to direct the policy and shape the destiny of the institution, which is today one of the strong financial concerns of the city.

In 1902 Mr. Standeven was married to Miss Iva Norton of Omaha, a daughter of James Norton, a pioneer settler of Omaha. Four children have been born to them: Norton, a youth of seventeen; Ruth, who is fifteen years of age; and Ora Gertrude and Flora Ione, twins, eleven years of age. Mr. Standeven belongs to the Masonic lodge of Hobart, Oklahoma, also to the chapter and commandery and to Akdar Temple of the Mystic Shrine. His religious faith is that of the Christian Science church, in the work of which he is very active. His beliefs and his policies connect him with the activities which are of greatest value in the upbuilding and promotion of city and state and those who know aught of his career recognize the worth of his work.

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#### WILLIAM T. DALTON.

For the past six years William T. Dalton has engaged in real estate and building in Sand Springs. He was born in Macoupin county, Illinois, on the 7th of November, 1857, a son of Jesse and Christiana (Williams) Dalton. Both parents were natives of Illinois and there the father engaged in the operation of a sawmill for sixteen years, or until the spring of 1872, when he left Macoupin county and went to Nebraska. He homesteaded land in Clay county in 1872, and although he suffered severe loss during the grasshopper ravages, remained there until 1895, when he removed to western Kansas. For the remainder of his life he lived with a son and passed away in that state in November, 1903. Mrs. Dalton passed away on the old Nebraska homestead in September, 1881.

William T. Dalton was reared and received his education in the schools of his native county and Clay county, whence he removed with his parents, and he lived with them until becoming of age. He then worked as a farm hand until he was twenty-six years of age, when he returned to Illinois for a time, subsequently going back to Nebraska and locating at Edgar. There he was engaged in the operation of rented land for eight years, at the termination of which time he came to Oklahoma and located in Stillwater in the spring of 1892. There he engaged in the grocery, flour and feed business, achieving a substantial amount of success in that connection, and after ten years residence in that place, in 1903 came to Tulsa county and the new town of Broken Arrow.

Mr. Dalton in association with others organized the Coweta State Bank of Coweta, Oklahoma, and was vice president for three years and for fifteen years operated the Coweta Gin, Coal and Mill Company's business at Broken Arrow. In 1915 he disposed of the cotton gin, in the erection of which he had been a dominant factor. For the past six years he has devoted his time and attention to buying, selling, and improving residence and business properties of Tulsa county and four of the finest business houses in Sand Springs were erected by him and his brothers, J. C. and C. L. He built his own home in Broken Arrow and purchased a modern business structure. He has initiative and keen business ability and those factors, together with his determined effort, have won for him the success he now enjoys.

On the 10th of January, 1884, Mr. Dalton was united in marriage to Miss Minnie B. Rohrer and to them seven children have been born; Clarence G., who is the editor of the Tri-County News at Mounds, Oklahoma, and also the Poultry Journal; Lelah M., wife of S. E. Bailey and a resident of Tulsa; Bertha, who married Quay V. Johnson, cashier of the bank at Jenks; Carl W., residing at home; Ralph R., a resident of Jenks; Charles J., at home; and James J., the third in order of birth in this family, who passed away in October, 1890, at the age of ten months.

The political allegiance of Mr. Dalton is given the democratic party and he was a member of the constitutional convention of Oklahoma in 1906-07. He is fraternally identified with the Odd Fellows and his religious faith is that of the Seventh Day Adventists. His wife is affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church. Thoroughness is one of the marked characteristics of Mr. Dalton and he has mastered every detail of his business. He has a very wide acquaintance and occupies a position of prominence by reason of his business ability and standing, his social qualities and his public spirit.

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#### RANDOLPH SHIRK.

Randolph Shirk of the law firm of Randolph, Haver & Shirk of Tulsa, is regarded as an expert on all matters of law pertaining to oil and gas, also on the law having to do with titles in Oklahoma, especially those affecting Indian lands. Thoroughly qualified in every way for the successful practice of his profession he has won an enviable name and place as an attorney of Tulsa. He was born in Erie, Pennsylvania, March 31, 1871, a son of Charles C. and Louise (Wilson) Shirk, both of whom were natives of the Keystone state. The father, also born in Erie county, devoted his life to the manufacture of stoves, but at the time of the Civil war made business and other interests subservient to his duty to his country and joined the Federal army in defense of the Union. He was a lifelong member of the Presbyterian church, devoted to its teachings, and the sterling worth of his character was recognized by all with whom he came into contact. To him and his wife were born five children, all of whom are living.

Randolph Shirk was a pupil in the schools of Erie, Pennsylvania, and after his general education had been acquired he concentrated his efforts and attention upon the study of law, being admitted to the bar in Erie in 1896. He there opened a law office, continuing in practice at that place for four years. He had started in business with the Devonian Oil Company and after entering upon the practice of law, naturally turned to that branch of the profession which has to do with oil and gas. In 1903 he came to Tulsa and for a time practiced alone

as a representative of oil companies. Later he entered into his present partnership relation as a member of the firm of Randolph, Haver & Shirk. They have a large and important practice, representing a number of the leading oil corporations, and they occupy a large suite of rooms in the Cosden building, where they have an extensive law library. Not only is Mr. Shirk thoroughly informed concerning the principles of jurisprudence having to do with oil and gas, but is regarded equally an expert on Indian land titles and has taken care of much important legal business in that connection.

In 1894 Mr. Shirk was married to Miss Netta Flint, a native of the state of New York. They are well known in Tulsa, where their circle of friends is constantly increasing as the circle of their acquaintance broadens. Mr. Shirk is a member of Tulsa Lodge, No. 71, A. F. & A. M., and has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in the consistory. He belongs to the Presbyterian church and is active in its work. A man of modest demeanor, he is free from ostentation and display and those who know him speak of him in terms of high regard.

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### I. G. LONG.

I. G. Long, president of the American Engraving Company of Tulsa, and one of the substantial and valued residents of the city, was born in Montgomery, Texas, December 15, 1880. He was one of a family of twelve children, ten of whom are living. The parents are J. D. and Mattie (Weatherford) Long, the former a native of Florida, while the latter was born in Texas, and is a daughter of Colonel Weatherford, prominent in the south. Mr. Long is a ranchman living at Montgomery, Texas, and at the present time has retired from active business, his success in former years enabling him to put aside the more arduous duties which formerly claimed his attention. He served as a Confederate soldier during the Civil war. He belongs to the Baptist church, as does his wife, and they are highly esteemed in the community where they make their home.

I. G. Long, at the usual age, became a pupil in the public schools of Texas, passing through consecutive grades to the high school. Later he was a student in a business college at Fort Worth, from which in due course of time he was graduated. He then entered an engraving house at Fort Worth as a stenographer, serving eight years in that establishment, during which time he gained comprehensive knowledge of the business. In the spring of 1918 he came to Tulsa and soon after entered the army, being attached to the Seventy-second Replacement Unit of the Medical Corps. After his return from military duty he established his present business under the name of the American Engraving Company, of which he is the president. In this connection he is building up a business of gratifying and substantial proportions. He is also the vice president of the Triangle Printing Company.

On the 28th of November, 1917, Mr. Long was married to Miss Eleanor Baker of Fort Worth, Texas, a daughter of A. T. Baker, a real estate dealer there. Mr. Long is widely known through various connections that have to do with improvement of business conditions and with the advancement of social, intellectual and moral progress. He is now the president of the Advertisers Club, is a charter member of the Kiwanis Club, and is serving on the board of directors of the Retail Merchants Association. He is likewise one of the





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directors of the Better Business Bureau, and was a member of the County Advisory Board of the Salvation Army. His religious belief is indicated in the fact that he is a member of the First Baptist church and is serving on its board. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he keeps well informed on the vital questions and issues of the day. He studies systematically and thoroughly many problems which come up for settlement that have to do with public welfare and his influence is always on the side of right, progress, reform and improvements.

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### HON. STEPHEN R. LEWIS.

Stephen R. Lewis, attorney at law and an untiring worker in everything that he attempts, is numbered among the pioneer residents of Tulsa and in many ways has contributed to its progress and upbuilding, interested at all times in its material and intellectual progress and upholding ever its legal and moral status. He was born on a farm in Hill county, Texas, December 27, 1873. His father, Alexander S. Lewis, was born in Blountsville, Alabama, became a farmer and cattle man and eventually a Texas ranger. He was also a soldier on the Mexican border where he represented the United States government in that connection for some time, but is now living on the old homestead near Dawson, Oklahoma. He was active in early territorial affairs, his position being one of leadership. He gives his political support to the democratic party, and has long been a faithful member of the Presbyterian church. He married Elizabeth P. Dawson, daughter of Samuel R. Dawson, and they have become parents of eight children, six of whom are living. The mother is a native of Texas.

Stephen R. Lewis has a strain of Indian blood, perhaps about one thirty-second Cherokee, and his father was born in the Cherokee country of Alabama. Removing to Oklahoma in pioneer times when a lad, Stephen R. Lewis was educated in a mission school near Skiatook, Oklahoma, this being a Quaker mission Indian school. He came to Tulsa in 1887 when there were not more than forty people living in the town. Attracted by the profession of law he began reading in Tulsa and was admitted to the bar in 1902 before the supreme court of Oklahoma in 1910, being licensed to practice in the courts of Oklahoma and in the United States district courts, and was admitted to the supreme court of United States in 1916. His practice has largely related to Indian lands and he is a most prominent attorney as representative of Indian interests. One who has known him long and well speaks of him as "the most untiring worker in all his endeavors I ever met." He enjoys a well merited reputation by reason of his loyalty to the interest of his clients, his hard work, fair dealing and sound judgment. He prepares his law cases with great thoroughness and care and his efficient application has been one of the strong forces of his success. He belongs to the Tulsa County Bar Association, the Oklahoma State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association, and enjoys in large measure the respect and confidence of his colleagues and contemporaries in the profession. Aside from his law practice he has become largely interested in the development of coal lands in Oklahoma, near Dawson, and the company of which he is a representative is operating the largest steam shovel in the state.

On the 12th of June, 1907, Mr. Lewis was married to Miss Elizabeth Schrimsher of the Cherokee nation, who was born near Claremore, Oklahoma.

Mr. Lewis is a prominent figure in democratic circles. He belongs to the

democratic county central committee as representative of Tulsa county and is an active worker in promoting party successes, yet has never been an office seeker. He has served as lieutenant colonel on Governor Williams' staff, and he did very effective work as a member of the State Council of Defense during the World war. He belongs to the Chamber of Commerce, which indicates his interest in everything pertaining to community welfare and he was formerly a commissioner of the Tax Payers League of the state. He also belongs to the Automobile Club. His religious belief is that of the Methodist church, and fraternally he is a Mason, being one of the charter members of Tulsa Lodge, No. 71, A. F. & A. M. He has also taken the degrees of the Scottish Rite and is a life member of Akdar Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He finds his recreation in big game hunting and has secured many interesting trophies of the chase. The major part of his time and attention, however, is given to his law practice and he is particularly active in conducting the litigation of Indian land titles. Loyalty to his clients is one of his marked characteristics and his ability places him as one of the leading members of the Tulsa bar.

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#### ARTHUR F. SWEENEY.

In his mercantile and real estate activities Arthur Francis Sweeney has contributed definitely to the material development and civic advancement of the city and county of Tulsa, but aside from this he is known as a broad-gauged, progressive and public-spirited citizen of positive views and positive action. In the conduct of his general real estate business he maintains his offices in the Robinson building, and he takes vital interest in all that concerns the welfare of his home city and state.

Mr. Sweeney was born at Louisa, County Mayo, Ireland, on the 12th of July, 1871, and is a son of John and Catherine McEvilly Sweeney, the father having been a representative teacher and influential citizen of County Mayo, and one of the organizers of the Irish Land League, in the early '70s. In this connection it is interesting to record that the nationalism of the father has passed as a heritage to the son, whose intense interest and sympathy for his native land is coupled with the utmost loyalty to the land of his adoption. He has spoken and written with characteristic vigor and earnestness in support of the national independence of the Emerald isle, with the noble history and gallant struggles of which he is informed most thoroughly and is a member of the state directorate of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic.

Arthur F. Sweeney was afforded the educational advantages possible in the schools of his native land until he was twenty years of age, when, in 1891, he severed home ties and came to the United States. He found employment in a mercantile establishment in the city of New York and remained in the national metropolis until 1894, when he came west to Chicago, where he lived until the beginning of the Spanish-American war, when he promptly showed his deep loyalty to his adopted country and its institutions by enlisting in 1898, as a member of Company F, Seventh Illinois Infantry, the famed Irish regiment that long held high rank in the city of Chicago. He accompanied his command to Camp Alger, Virginia, and later to Camp Meade, Pennsylvania, but the regiment was not called into active service on the stage of conflict. Mr. Sweeney received his honorable discharge in October, 1898, and shortly after returning to

Illinois he established his residence at Clinton, where he became actively identified with the newspaper business, as a member of the staff and later editor and publisher of the Clinton Daily Times. In 1903 he moved to Mattoon, Illinois, and later became news editor of the Kankakee Republican, in the city of Kankakee, Illinois, and there he continued his residence until 1907, when he visited the land of his birth. On his return he came to Tulsa, Oklahoma, in company with Martin H. Bassett, their purpose having been here to establish a daily newspaper, to be known as the Tulsa News. The death of Mr. Bassett, however, caused this project to be abandoned, and Mr. Sweeney entered the mercantile field. After a brief experience in dry goods he bought a small grocery at 418 West Third street, and within a few years passed from this through successive stages until he became president of the Overton Grocery Company and manager of its store, said to be the finest place of its kind in the southwest. This establishment was closed out in 1918 and the building leased to the Woolworth Company. Since that time Mr. Sweeney has been in the real estate business. A man of broad views and well fortified convictions, Mr. Sweeney never fears to express his opinions when occasion warrants and he has made close study of economic and governmental questions. Although a democrat in politics he voiced his opposition to the League of Nations, in 1920, and aligned himself with the republican forces of the state during the election of that year. Mr. Sweeney is a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus, and as a communicant of the Catholic church he and his wife hold membership in the parish of the Church of the Sacred Heart.

At Clinton, Illinois, in the year 1901, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Sweeney to Miss Mayme Sharkey, daughter of James and Hannah Sharkey. Mr. and Mrs. Sweeney have one child, Arthur Francis, Jr., who was born on the 8th of July, 1908.

Mr. Sweeney makes occasional contributions to the newspaper press, and so well is his outlook shown and exemplified in an article which he wrote relative to the discussion of the need of more governmental departments, that this review offers the following extracts: "The federal government is the only agency in these United States which seems to exercise authority, and is not local government more or less of a failure anyhow? We ought to have departments to regulate everything. Instead of the dear departed daylight-savings law we ought to have a get-up-early department, which would see to it that every man and woman in the United States is out of bed before six o'clock and that the hour for retiring is also set. Then there should be a domestic science department which would oversee the efforts of the newlyweds in the matter of preparing the morning toast without burning it, and this department should have also the supervision and control of the number of rooms to be occupied by each family, the number of dogs, cats and birds each should be permitted to keep in 'Cities of the first class.' Then there should be a department of proper attire, to decide when to put 'em on and take 'em off as well as to regulate the distance between the tops of the shoes and the bottoms of the dresses. A department of beverages could fix the buttermilk season and warn the public at what temperature it was safe to indulge in more than one 'coke,' and this could be provided for in connection with the enforcement of the Volsted act. Of course we ought to have a department of cemeteries and public parks, and a department of public buildings, which would fix the number of stories in city skyscrapers, and a department of fireworks and skyrockets, to attend the proper celebration of the Fourth of July. A department of ancestors is an absolute necessity if we are going to put any limit to the number of people who claim

to be descended from the passengers on the Mayflower. Other departments might be suggested, for what is government intended for anyhow, if not to govern, and you can't have too much of a good thing. Besides, look at all the cabinet possibilities we have. What are you going to do with them if there are only a few cabinet positions? And look at the large number of our fellow citizens who have no desire to regulate other people and who are now putting in their time minding their own business. What are we going to do to make all these people respond to the 'uplift' and to join the 'forces that make for good?' Let us have all the federal departments necessary, so there will be no initiative, no personality, no private ambition, no personal responsibility, nothing to think about except to keep the departments properly employed in thinking for us. Life will thus be made one long siesta, and we can all join the chorus, 'let the rest of the world go by,' or words to that effect."

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### CALVIN OTIS SMITH.

Nature has been most bountiful in her gifts to Oklahoma. Her hillsides have contained rich mineral deposits, her rolling prairie land responds readily to the labors of the agriculturist, her forests have constituted a fruitful field for the work of the lumberman, and with her rich oil deposits there has evolved the tremendous oil industry in this state, represented by many men whose foresight and ability have enabled them to utilize the opportunities offered and contribute to the operation of oil lands that have constituted a splendid source of the state's prosperity. Well known in this connection is Calvin Otis Smith, who has been identified with a number of the leading companies operating in the oil fields of the southwest. He is yet a young man and what he has already accomplished indicates that his future career will be well worth watching. He was born in Linneus, Missouri, October 10, 1890. His father, R. R. Smith, a native of Findlay, Ohio, removed to Missouri in his boyhood days and afterward engaged in merchandising, in banking and in the insurance business. He also became one of the board of managers of the Modern Woodmen of America and is now living in Kansas City, Missouri. He married Sally E. Phillips of Linneus, Missouri, and to them were born four children, all of whom are living.

While spending his youthful days under the parental roof Calvin O. Smith was graduated from the high school of Brookfield, Missouri, and afterward continued his education in the University of Chicago, which he attended from 1907 until 1911, winning the Bachelor of Philosophy degree upon his graduation. He later became a law student at Harvard, where he studied in 1911 and 1912. Thus splendidly qualified by liberal educational training for life's practical and responsible duties Mr. Smith became identified with the municipal bond business in Chicago in 1913 and was connected with the Cooke-Holtz Company for a year. He afterward traveled through the territory adjacent to New York, Philadelphia and Boston in the advertising business and subsequently he spent a brief time in the surety business in New York, connected with the National Surety Company. On leaving that position he went to Kansas City, Missouri, where he engaged in the municipal bond business, and he became an investor in the oil fields of Oklahoma in 1915. His early connection with the oil industry was that of secretary and treasurer of the Benland Oil Company and of the Heinie Oil & Gas Company. He is president of the Smith Oil Corporation, which was organized in December, 1919, and is operating in the Okmulgee fields and is also develop-



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ing properties in the Creek county and Osage districts. In his business affairs Mr. Smith is associated with other members of his father's family, his brother, Maurice R. Smith, a Yale graduate, being also well known as an oil man. He was a captain in the balloon service in the World war. Calvin O. Smith is interested in aviation and has made many flying trips in connection with his business and personal affairs. He is a prominent figure in club circles, belonging to the Country and Petroleum Clubs of Tulsa, the Kansas City Club, the Hillcrest Country Club of Kansas City, the Kansas City Athletic Club, the Hamilton Club of Chicago, the Harvard Club of New York city and also to the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He was much interested in football and other athletics at college and is at present interested in golf and other outdoor sports. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, but the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him. He resides in a beautiful California type bungalow in the Maple Ridge section of Tulsa and his unusual home in its furnishings and construction indicates that he is a lover of the beautiful and substantial in various forms of art.

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#### RALSA F. MORLEY.

A fine sense of stewardship and a deep appreciation of the dignity and responsibility of his chosen vocation have significantly characterized the professional career of Ralsa F. Morley, a representative member of the Tulsa bar, his practice being confined largely to civil cases and the handling of probate work, as he has had no desire to enter the field of criminal law. One familiar with the career of Mr. Morley attributes his success primarily to his industry, energy and sound business judgment, as coupled with an accurate knowledge of the law and marked facility in the application of that knowledge. From the same source is drawn the following estimate: "Mr. Morley is a man of exceptional oratorical ability, is a ready speaker and is always ready to use his talent in the behalf of any good cause. As a public speaker his style is fervent and magnetic on occasion. He is active politically and is an advocate of clean politics and a high standard of government."

Mr. Morley was born on a farm near Baraboo, Wisconsin, December 12, 1874, and is a son of Ralsa A. and Rose M. (Clark) Morley, the former born near Mentor, Lake county, Ohio, and the latter at Walworth, Wisconsin, in which latter state their marriage was solemnized. The father served with the famous "Squirrel Hunters Brigade" during the Civil war and after the close of that conflict established his residence in Wisconsin, where he became a prosperous farmer of Sauk county and also developed a prosperous enterprise in the raising and shipping of high-grade shorthorn cattle. He was active and influential in county and state politics and was chairman of the board of county commissioners at the time when the courthouse, the county insane hospital and all buildings of the county farm were erected in Sauk county. He was a staunch republican, was affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, and was an earnest member of the Presbyterian church, as is also his widow, who now maintains her home at Baraboo, Wisconsin, his death having occurred in 1898. Mr. Morley was a man of marked business ability but he met with severe financial reverses through his operations on the Chicago Board of Trade.

Ralsa F. Morley profited by the advantages of the public schools of Baraboo, Wisconsin, and pursued higher academic studies at the University of Wis-

consin and Lake Forest University, at Lake Forest, Illinois. From the latter institution he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and thereafter completed a three years' course in the law department of the University of Chicago. He was admitted to the bar of Illinois but during the period of his residence in the city of Chicago he gave virtually no attention to the work of his profession, but there became actively identified with the real estate business. In February, 1906, Mr. Morley came to old Indian Territory and engaged in the real estate business at Tulsa, the development of this future metropolis having then been in its incipient stages. He became a pioneer in the building of houses and the developing of residence properties at Tulsa, as a member of the firm of Morley & Wells. He was admitted to the Oklahoma bar and has been successfully engaged in the practice of his profession at Tulsa since 1908, his law business being entirely in the civil department. Mr. Morley has taken a vital and constructive interest in the development of his home city and state, along both civic and material lines, and he is the owner of the fine Meadow Lawn dairy farm, which is one of the attractive places of Tulsa county, the property being situated six miles distant from the city of Tulsa, comprising five hundred and ninety acres and having modern improvements that mark it as a model farm property. On this farm he has a large herd of Holstein cattle, including representatives of some of the finest strains of this type to be found in the United States. The physical improvements at Meadow Lawn are of the most approved order, comprising modern buildings, the best of sanitary provisions for the handling of the dairy cattle and the most improved machinery and accessories.

Mr. Morley is a staunch and effective advocate of the principles of the democratic party, and he and his wife are zealous and influential members of the Presbyterian church in their home city. Mr. Morley holds membership in the American Bar Association, the Oklahoma State Bar Association and the Tulsa County Bar Association. He continues his loyal service in exploiting the many advantages and attractions of his home city and state, and his faith in the further progress of the city of Tulsa has been recently shown by his initiating the erection of a modern office building, at the corner of Fourth and Cincinnati streets. The self reliance of Mr. Morley was significantly shown by his depending upon his own resources in completing his higher academic, as well as his professional, education, his father's losses on the Chicago Board of Trade having made it impossible for the latter to extend to his son the financial aid which he would most gladly have given.

At Mattoon, Illinois, in the year 1905, was recorded the marriage of Mr. Morley to Miss Augusta M. Moore, a daughter of William P. Moore, a prominent lumber merchant of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Morley have one daughter, Lucille Elizabeth.

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#### FRANK HILTON GREER.

Frank Hilton Greer is a native of Kansas, born at Leavenworth on July 21, 1862. He has lived all his life in the west. The parents of Mr. Greer were pioneers in Kansas and the boy at twelve years of age began making his own living. He is a son of Samuel Wylie and Clotilda (Hilton) Greer. The father was born in West Moreland county, Pennsylvania, in 1824. He was educated in the Pennsylvania schools and graduated from Oberlin College, Ohio, as a Presbyterian preacher. He came to Kansas in 1854, in the turbulent days pre-

ceding the war, and took an active part in all the anti-slavery campaigns, of which Kansas was the center. He was one of the first state superintendents of public instruction in Kansas and did much in laying the foundation for the splendid public school system of that state. Just prior to Lincoln's inauguration he went with seventy-four other sturdy westerners to Washington City as a personal guard for the president. These organized as the "Frontier Guards," the first organization growing out of the Civil war. These men were the first to enlist in that war. The duty of guarding the president having been discharged Mr. Greer returned with the other Kansans and organized Company I, Fifteenth Volunteer Kansas Cavalry, of which company he was elected captain and served with it throughout the war. The mother was born in Xenia, Ohio, and became a school teacher, and it was at her knee that he received most of his education, as his opportunity for other schooling was scant, and then only in the common schools. The printing office has been called the best of universities, and it proved so in this case. Here it was that Mr. Greer got his broad and practical education. The father died in 1882 at the age of fifty-eight years, and the mother in 1897 at the age of sixty-four. There were eight children in the family, of whom six are living, Frank Hilton being the fourth in order of birth.

Early in life Frank Hilton Greer went into a newspaper office as a printer's devil and graduated in all the departments of the business, continuing the newspaper profession until nine years ago when he moved to Tulsa. He is now president of the Greer Investment Company, with offices in the Simmons building.

Mr. Greer is a member of all branches of Masonry—the Scottish Rite and York Rite, and the Shrine—and is a K. C. C. H. of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias, A. O. U. W., Elks and Odd Fellows. He is a member of the Episcopal church. He has held but one public office, that of Member of the Oklahoma legislature in 1893.

In 1911 Mr. Greer was married to Laura Leigh Hanson, a woman of fine literary and social attainments, and they reside at 1501 South Baltimore, Tulsa.

Mr. Greer has taken prominent part in all the public affairs of Oklahoma, having located in Guthrie in 1889 on the day of the opening of old Oklahoma to settlement. He is a republican in politics, unswerving in his beliefs, not only in politics but in everything else, and although not seeking public office has been active in what he believed would forward the political welfare of Oklahoma. He has taken a prominent part in the state's material progress.

Mr. Greer is one of the directors of the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce and exerts his public spirit constantly for the growth of Tulsa.

He is a fluent and popular public speaker. His diversion from business is literature and his home contains probably the largest and best selected private library in Oklahoma.

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#### CARTER SMITH.

A lawyer of ability and admirable adherence to the best ethics of his profession Mr. Smith has been engaged in the general practice of law in the city of Tulsa since the year 1912. He was born at Winchester, Franklin county, Tennessee, and is a son of Preston and Luella (Carter) Smith, both representatives of fine old southern families.

Carter Smith passed the period of his childhood and early youth on the home

farm, and in the meanwhile made good use of the advantages offered by the public schools of the locality. A valuable discipline was that which he initiated when sixteen years of age, for it was then that he entered the employ of the Brandon Printing and Publishing Company, at Nashville, the largest concern of its kind in the south. While thus engaged Mr. Smith showed his ambition and good judgment by continuing his studies in Bowen Academy, at Nashville, his own efforts having provided the funds that enabled him to complete an academic and a law course in Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tennessee, from which excellent institution he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Upon coming to Oklahoma he first engaged in practice at Thomas, Custer county, where he remained until 1912, when he numbered himself among the members of the Tulsa bar. In 1914-15 he served as assistant United States district attorney for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, and in 1917-18 he was assistant county attorney of Tulsa county. Aside from these positions he has been continuously engaged in the general practice of his profession and he now controls a substantial and important law business of representative order, his practice extending to all state courts of Oklahoma, as well as the Federal court. In politics he gives his allegiance to the democratic party, is an active member of the Tulsa County Bar Association, and is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a member of the City Club and Automobile Club of Tulsa, and his religious faith is that of the Christian church.

As a member of the Oklahoma National Guard Mr. Smith gained the rank of second lieutenant and when the nation became involved in the great World war he entered the officers' training camp at Waco, Texas, and was at Camp McArthur, Texas, at the time of the signing of the armistice. Mr. Smith's name is still enrolled upon the roster of eligible bachelors in Tulsa.

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#### HORACE HENRY HAGAN.

Horace Henry Hagan, one of the prominent young attorneys of Tulsa, was born at St. Marys, Kansas, October 13, 1891. His father, Horace Hagan, was a native of Kentucky, whence he removed to Kansas and afterward became a resident of Oklahoma. He devoted his life to cattle raising and was also prominent in early days in political circles as a supporter of the democratic party. He died in 1903. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Eulalie Droege, was born in St. Louis, Missouri, and became the mother of four children, all of whom are living.

Horace H. Hagan of this review obtained his education in public and parochial schools of Guthrie, Oklahoma, and afterward attended St. Mary's College, from which he was graduated with the Bachelor of Arts degree in the class of 1910. He next entered Georgetown University and won his LL. B. degree in 1913. In December of the same year he was admitted to the bar in Oklahoma, standing in first place on the examination of the class with which he was admitted. He then began practice in Oklahoma City and has made steady progress in his profession, his success as a lawyer being attributable to his thorough preparedness and his eloquence. He was appointed to the office of assistant attorney general under Attorney General Charles West and served in that important position from 1913 to 1915 inclusive. He then became a



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member of the firm of West & Hagan at Oklahoma City. In January, 1917, he accepted a position as attorney for the Texas Company and in that capacity removed to Tulsa. Later he practiced in a partnership relation under the firm style of Conner & Hagan. This was formed in 1919 and is still in existence. Tulsa classes him with her representative lawyers. He has won notable success, for added to his comprehensive knowledge of the law and ability accurately to apply its principles is a most persuasive eloquence that makes him very strong in the trial of a case before the court. He has also had extensive experience and success in the branches of law peculiarly applicable to the great oil and gas industries for which his home city of Tulsa is noted. He belongs to the Oklahoma State and American Bar Associations and enjoys the high respect and confidence of his professional colleagues and contemporaries wherever he is known.

During the World war Mr. Hagan saw service with the Twenty-fifth C. A. C. and was on duty at Fort Rosecrans, California. He is now a past state commander of the American Legion and a member of its national executive committee. He also has membership with the Sons of the American Revolution, being eligible thereto by reason of ancestors in the paternal line who fought for the cause of independence. He belongs to the Kiwanis Club and to the Advertisers Club, the City Club, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Columbus. The last named indicates his connection with the Catholic church and he is now a communicant in the Holy Family parish. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party, of which he is an ardent supporter, and outside of his law practice he devotes much of his time to civic and political matters. He has filled a number of important offices, though never seeking political preferment. By reason of his natural and cultivated gift of oratory he is many times called upon for public addresses and his discussion of any subject shows that he has thoroughly studied it, for preparedness is one of his marked characteristics.

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#### WALTER EARL BROWN.

Walter Earl Brown, whose name is a familiar one in banking circles throughout Oklahoma, is now chairman of the executive committee of the First National Bank, an institution which is the outcome of the recent merging of the old First National and the Union National Bank of this city, Mr. Brown having come to this place while president of the Union National. There are few men more familiar with banking problems and conditions than he and his progressive spirit has been an element in the growth of the institution with which he is associated. It would be difficult to determine the full measure of his influence and efforts upon the financial history of the state but all acknowledge his prominence in developing the banking interests of Oklahoma.

Mr. Brown was born in Grenola, Elk county, Kansas, August 6, 1880. His father, P. I. Brown, has also been connected with banking interests for many years but is now living retired in Tulsa, enjoying in well earned rest the fruits of his former toil. He wedded Hannah E. Jackson, a native of Missouri, and they have become parents of two children who are yet living, the brother, J. Ray, being identified with the Bank of Commerce at Okmulgee, Oklahoma. The parents are consistent members of the Christian church and Mr. Brown belongs to the Masonic fraternity, loyally exemplifying in his life the beneficent

spirit of the craft. In the maternal line the ancestry is traced back directly to General "Stonewall" Jackson who commanded the Confederate troops in the Civil war and was the brave and intrepid leader that was killed by a mistaken volley from his own troops. Mrs. P. I. Brown was a member of the Jackson family.

W. Earl Brown pursued his early education in the public schools of his native state and afterwards attended the Henry Kendall College of Tulsa. Before finishing his course in business college, however, he became interested in the cattle business in Oklahoma and was thus engaged from 1895 until 1901. He is still interested to some extent in the live stock industry, although other business pursuits have in later years claimed the greater part of his time and attention. On attaining his majority he entered the field of banking and in 1900 organized the First National Bank of Beggs, Oklahoma, of which he was cashier from 1901 until 1903. He was also for six years identified with the American National Bank of Sapulpa, Oklahoma, as cashier. In 1903 he became cashier of the First National Bank of Mounds, Oklahoma, in which capacity he continued to serve for five years. It was after this time that he became associated with the American National Bank of Sapulpa, and on severing that connection he came to Tulsa, where he organized the Union National Bank, of which he became the president. This bank began business on the 2d of October, 1916, with a capital of three hundred thousand dollars and a surplus of thirty thousand dollars. At the close of business at the end of the first day on which the bank operated it had on deposit one million eighty six thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine dollars and twenty-seven cents. Its steady growth well reflected the Tulsa spirit of progress. The continuous growth of the bank made it necessary to secure a larger space from time to time until it was occupying what was formerly five distinct rooms. On the 23d of September, 1919, the capital of the bank was increased to five hundred thousand dollars and by the last day of the year the surplus had grown to one hundred and twenty five thousand dollars—figures which indicate very clearly the solid and healthy condition of the institution. The record indicates clearly also the service rendered to the public and the confidence merited through actual performance in business affairs, for the growth of a bank depends upon the confidence of its patrons and depositors. Mr. Brown brought his strong and thorough experience to bear in the conduct of the institution and as its chief executive officer made it one of the strongest financial concerns of the state. On the 1st of January, 1921, the Union National was merged with the First National Bank of Tulsa under the latter name and Mr. Brown became chairman of the executive committee. Aside from this connection he is vice president of the First National Bank of Chandler, Oklahoma. His business interests are most extensive and of an important character, contributing in large measure to the growth and prosperity of the state. Mr. Brown is also connected with the Clearing House Association, of which he was formerly president.

In August, 1902, Mr. Brown was married to Miss Cora Pendleton, a daughter of Thomas A. Pendleton, a native of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have become parents of three children, Naomi, sixteen years of age; W. Earl Junior, a lad of eleven; and Carol Maxine, six years of age.

Mr. Brown is identified with various fraternal organizations. He has membership with the Masons, the Elks, Woodmen of the World, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is likewise a member of the City Club of Kansas City, Missouri, and has membership at Tulsa, in the City Club, Country Club and Chamber of Commerce.



Politically he is a democrat, giving staunch support to the party, and his religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church, of which he is a loyal follower. He is interested in outdoor sports, to which he turns for recreation, but allows nothing to interfere with the faithful performance of his duties in connection with his business affairs. He has ever believed that the banker is most worthy of support that most thoroughly safeguards the interests of the depositors and it has been along that line that he has conducted his affairs. His resourcefulness and ability in all things are bringing him to the front as one of the leading bankers and financiers of the state.

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#### EDWIN R. PERRY.

There is much of almost spectacular interest in the life record of Edwin R. Perry, and yet his activities have been of the most practical character, his plans well defined, his actions definite and urgent. Utilizing every opportunity that has come to him and utilizing it to the fullest extent, he has reached a commanding position in legal circles and in connection with the development of the oil interests of Oklahoma, being now particularly active as vice president of Cosden & Company and also vice president of the Cosden Oil & Gas Company. He is a Harvard man and his university course was pursued at the cost of earnest self-denying effort, for he had no financial resources at his command in early life. He was born in Granton, Ontario, March 4, 1875, a son of William and Barbara (Legge) Perry, the former a native of the north of Ireland, while the latter was of Scotch descent. The father devoted his life to the occupation of farming and thus provided for his family of ten children, eight of whom are living. The mother is deceased.

Edwin R. Perry obtained his early education in the schools of Canada and afterwards attended the Northwestern Academy and the Northwestern University, from which he graduated in 1900 with the Bachelor of Arts degree. During his student days he was one of the most popular men at Northwestern and again after he entered Harvard, he was the recognized leader in his college fraternity, the Beta Theta Pi, and took an active interest while at Northwestern in the Young Men's Christian Association work. He had no particular interest in the fiction writers, giving no time to the "best sellers," but was a most careful student of history and of the lives of men who made history. The trend of his interests at that time foreshadowed his course in later life. After leaving Northwestern he entered Harvard University, where he pursued his law course and won his LL. B. degree as a graduate of the class of 1903. During his student days at Cambridge he became a member of the Phi Delta Phi. He was admitted to the bar of Illinois in 1903 and entered upon the practice of his chosen profession in Chicago. There he remained until 1907, when he removed to the southwest and for eight years followed his profession in Tulsa. During that period he gained a well merited reputation as a most able and successful lawyer, especially capable in handling large corporation interests and other civil cases. At length he entered the field of oil operations and is today prominently associated with the Cosden interests, being now the vice president of the firm of Cosden & Company, and also of the Cosden Oil & Gas Company. He readily recognizes the vital points of any business proposition.

In 1910 Mr. Perry was married to Miss Pauline Nelson of Bradford, Pennsylvania, a daughter of C. W. Nelson, one of the oldtime operators in the oil

fields of the southwest. To Mr. and Mrs. Perry have been born two children: Mary Pauline and William Edwin, aged, respectively, nine and four years. Mr. Perry belongs to the Country Club, and he and his wife are leaders in the social circles of Tulsa. He is a man of attractive personality as well as of splendid executive ability. His personality and good judgment were always among his big assets and in the statement of any business proposition or in the discussion of any civic problem he is logical, clear and emphatic. He has never claimed to have the oratorical ability of a Clay or a Webster, but has always been a convincing speaker and his position upon any vital question of a business or of a public nature, is never an equivocal one.

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#### FONTAINE L. ALLEN.

Strong and resourceful as a trial lawyer, fortified by that comprehensive and accurate knowledge of law and precedent that makes the ideal counselor, endowed with deep appreciation of the dignity and responsibility of his chosen profession, Fontaine L. Allen holds secure vantage ground as one of the representative younger members of the bar of the state of Oklahoma, and is junior member of the well known Tulsa law firm of Denny & Allen.

Mr. Allen was born at St. Joseph, Arkansas, on the 8th of January, 1885, and is a son of John Thomas Allen and Mary Elizabeth Allen, the former born at Texas, Missouri, August 2, 1859, and the latter in Woodruff county, Arkansas, September 28, 1861. John T. Allen gained his early education in the schools of his native state and continued his studies in Arkansas, to which commonwealth the family removed in 1865 when he was a mere boy. He became a successful teacher in the schools of Arkansas, acquired valuable farm property and became one of the prominent and influential citizens of Searcy county. He served as postmaster at St. Joseph, Arkansas, was a leader in community affairs and was affiliated with the Masonic fraternity. He continued his residence at St. Joseph until his death, which occurred on the 26th of March, 1919, and his widow now resides at Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

After completing the curriculum of the public schools of his native town, Fontaine L. Allen continued his studies in the Arkansas State Normal School at Leslie, besides availing himself of the advantages of an excellent academy at Marshall that state. He became a popular teacher in the public schools of his native state and later completed a course in a business college at Springfield, Arkansas. At Eureka Springs he became secretary to the district attorney, under whose preceptorship he prosecuted the study of law, and at Berryville, Arkansas, he was admitted to the bar on the 23d of August, 1912. In the preceding April he had initiated the practice of law at Eureka Springs and in that same month he was there elected city clerk. In April of the following year he was elected city attorney, besides being appointed also to fill out an unexpired term as county attorney of Carroll county. At the close of this term he was elected county attorney and he made an excellent record as public prosecutor. He continued in the active work of his profession at Eureka Springs until August, 1918, when he came to Oklahoma and accepted a position in the Central National Bank at Okmulgee. One month later he resigned this post and came to Tulsa, where he resumed the active practice of his profession. He formed a partnership with John A. Denny, under the firm name of Denny & Allen, and this effective professional alliance has continued, the firm having



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built up a substantial and representative law business and gained high standing at the bar of Tulsa county. Special attention is given to corporation law and to the handling of civil cases and probate matters. Mr. Allen holds membership not only in the Tulsa County Bar Association and the Oklahoma State Bar Association, but also in the Arkansas Bar Association. He has been an active and effective worker in the democratic party and in the period of the World war gave active and loyal service in furthering the various governmental agencies for upholding the prestige of American arms. At Eureka Springs, Arkansas, he did vigorous service as a Four-Minute speaker in behalf of the various drives in support of the government loans and other war activities, his services having been continued most loyally also after he removed to Oklahoma.

At Eureka Springs, Arkansas, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Allen to Miss Florence Ruby Pendergrass, daughter of Harvey T. and Anna (Swett) Pendergrass, the former a native of Lebanon, Missouri, and the latter of the state of Maine. Mr. Pendergrass has been engaged in the drug business at Eureka Springs for fully forty years and is one of the honored and influential citizens of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Allen have two children: Harvey F. and Mary Florence.

Mr. Allen is prominently affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, in which he was raised to the degree of Master Mason in April, 1906, in Campbell Lodge, No. 115, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, at Eureka Springs, Arkansas, his present ancient craft affiliation being with Delta Lodge, No. 425, at Tulsa. He also holds membership in Marshall Chapter, No. 94, Royal Arch Masons, and in the Scottish Rite he is identified with Indian Consistory, No. 2, at McAlester, Oklahoma. In the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine he is a member of Akdar Temple, at Tulsa. He holds membership also in Tulsa Lodge, No. 946, Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks, and Silver Plume Lodge, No. 182, Knights of Pythias. He and his wife hold membership in the Christian church.

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### ROBERT JOSEPH LINDSAY.

Robert Joseph Lindsay, secretary of the Hope Engineering & Supply Company, is a man whose business condition and success rest upon an unassailable integrity and excellent judgment. He was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 12, 1883, and is a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Beaver) Lindsay, both of whom were natives of northern Ireland and came to the United States in early life. While spending his youthful days under the parental roof Robert J. Lindsay attended the public schools and at sixteen years of age started out to provide for his own support by entering the employ of the Philadelphia Gas Company, in which connection he worked his way upward from a very minor position. After two years with that company, during which he gained a wide knowledge of the business and of various questions relative thereto, he made his way westward to Independence, Kansas, as a representative of the Hope Engineering & Supply Company, a gas engineering concern, engaged in construction work on casing-head plants and oil pumping stations. This company has built some of the best plants of the kind in the western country and its pipe lines extend from coast to coast and from the northern to southern boundaries. Step by step Mr. Lindsay advanced, winning promotion after promotion through

the development of his powers and through his initiative and energy. In 1915 he was elected secretary of the company and is building up a big business through his efficiency, constantly extending his operations in the southwest. Men who have long known him speak in no uncertain terms concerning his "absolute integrity, excellent judgment and gentlemanly deportment." He is the kind of man who will always suffer wrong rather than inflict it on others and his high principles of integrity and honor have featured strongly in every business transaction with which he has been associated. He is likewise the secretary and treasurer of the Hesco Gasoline Company, having a plant at Drumright, and is interested in the Emerald Oil Company and other companies operating in the oil fields of the southwest.

Mr. Lindsay was united in marriage to Miss Bertha A. Billingham, a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Benjamin Billingham. They now have four children: Clara Gladys, Robert Joseph, Alfred Hammon and Elizabeth Sarah. Mr. Lindsay and his wife are prominent members of the First Methodist Episcopal church, taking an active interest in its work since coming to Tulsa in 1915. Mr. Lindsay is very prominent as a member of the Bible class and is a thorough Christian gentleman. His social activities are directed by his high ideals. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and is interested at all times in those things which make for good. His Masonic relations connect him with the lodge, the chapter, commandery and Mystic Shrine. What he undertakes he accomplishes and his record proves that success and an honored name may be won simultaneously. Identified with the Hope Engineering & Supply Company from its organization in 1906, he has continuously served as one of its directors and for the past eight or ten years has been western manager, so that today he occupies an enviable position in oil circles in Tulsa.

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#### ISAAC GRANVILLE ROSSER.

Isaac Granville Rosser is the president of the Rosser-Casebeer Furniture Company, having one of the leading stores of this kind in Oklahoma. He is a progressive young business man, alert and enterprising, watchful of all opportunities pointing to success, and as the years have passed his course has been marked by a steady progress that has brought him to a place in the foremost rank of the merchants of Tulsa. Mr. Rosser was born in Memphis, Tennessee, December 6, 1880, a son of Isaac and Virginia (Taylor) Rosser. The father was born in North Carolina and in his boyhood days went to Tennessee, where for many years he engaged in business as a cotton commission merchant. He served in the Confederate army during the Civil war and passed away in 1883. His wife, who was born in Mississippi, died in 1885.

Isaac G. Rosser, their only child, was a public school pupil in Memphis, Tennessee, and initiated his business career there in connection with the furniture trade. He served for seven years as an employe in a furniture house in that city but at the time of the Spanish-American war put aside all business and personal considerations and joined the army. He became a first lieutenant in the state militia and as a member thereof participated in the capture of the murderers of Captain Rankin.

It was in the year 1906 that Mr. Rosser came to Oklahoma, settling first in Oklahoma City, where for six years he was connected with the Bass Furniture

Company. He then removed to Tulsa to accept the management of the Bass Furniture & Carpet Company of this city and continued to act in that responsible position until 1919, when he resigned and organized the Rosser-Casebeer Furniture Company, which was incorporated and of which he has since been the president. Their store is located at 517 South Main street and they occupy five stories and the basement of a modern business structure fifty by one hundred and forty feet. They carry an extensive line of high-grade and medium-priced furniture and their business methods commend them to the patronage of the public, for they are at all times reliable and progressive and put forth earnest effort to please their patrons, recognizing the fact that satisfied customers are the best advertisement. The building occupied by the company was erected by them and their establishment is in every way thoroughly modern and splendidly equipped.

In 1910 Mr. Rosser was married to Miss Lilla Bass, a daughter of J. M. Bass, of Houston, Texas. Mrs. Rosser is very active in social circles and also in the Methodist Episcopal church, of which both Mr. and Mrs. Rosser are members. Fraternally he is a Mason, holding membership in Delta Lodge, No. 71, A. F. & A. M., while in McAlester Consistory he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He likewise belongs to Akdar Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and has membership in the Lions Club and the Retail Merchants Association, of which he was president during the first three years of its existence. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party but without desire for office, although he is remiss in none of the duties of citizenship but on the contrary gives active aid and support to all measures and movements for the general good. His life, however, has been preeminently that of a thorough-going and successful business man. Starting out in connection with the furniture trade immediately after completing his education, he has always concentrated his efforts and attention along this line and there is no phase of the business with which he is not thoroughly familiar. His initiative spirit, too, has produced results which have been most effective in the upbuilding of the trade and the establishment is at all times a credit and an ornament to the commercial circles of Tulsa.

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#### ABRAHAM S. VINER.

Abraham S. Viner, of the Viner Investment Company, builders of medium priced homes in Tulsa, was born in Philadelphia, August 5, 1885, a son of Jacob and Mary (Schwartz) Viner, who were natives of Russia. Coming to the United States in 1883 Jacob Viner engaged in general merchandising for twenty years in Kansas City, after spending some time in Philadelphia. He later went to Europe and South Africa, when he managed business there for two years. He next removed to Natchitoches, Louisiana, where he carried on general merchandising for two years and then returned to Kansas City, becoming identified with the Viner Chandelier Company, chandelier manufacturers, with which firm he remained until 1920, when he retired from business.

Abraham S. Viner, after attending the public schools of Kansas City, became a student in the Louisiana State Normal and at nineteen years of age he entered the employ of his father who was then engaged in general merchandising in Kansas City. A little later, however, he embarked in business on his own account there and remained in the western metropolis of Missouri until 1917.

when he came to Tulsa and with his brother William organized the Viner Investment Company, for the building of medium priced homes. He has developed the Park Hill district and the Hill Crest district of Tulsa, makes his own plans, superintends the construction and also owns a lumberyard and lumbermill. Thus controlling the various phases of the business he has developed his interests to substantial proportions and the company is now conducting an important and profitable business.

On the 19th of September, 1906, in St. Joseph, Missouri, Mr. Viner was married to Miss Anna Epsten, daughter of Henry and Rachel (Freedenburg) Epsten, her father a wholesale junk dealer. They have become the parents of four children: Lillian, Dorothy, Walter and Ruth. Mr. Viner and his wife are members of Temple Israel and he is also identified with the brotherhood organization of the church. He belongs to the Southgate Lodge, No. 547, A. F. & A. M., of Kansas City, Missouri, and attained the fourteenth degree of the Scottish Rite in Kansas City, while later he took the degrees up to and including the thirty-second, in McAlester. He likewise belongs to Elysian Grotto, No. 52, of Kansas City, and is a member of Akdar Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Tulsa. Mr. Viner belongs to the Chamber of Commerce, is a director of the Real Estate Exchange of Tulsa and has membership in the Kiwanis Club. He is actuated in all that he does by a progressive spirit and is constantly making a forward step in his business career.

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#### GEORGE A. GREEN.

George A. Green, manufacturer of automobile tops at Tulsa, has developed a business of substantial proportions, his trade growing steadily by reason of his excellent work and the satisfaction of patrons, who are ever the best advertisement. Mr. Green was born at Sidney, Delaware county, New York, May 21, 1888, his parents being Ulysses T. and Emma (Parsons) Green. The father, a native of the Empire state, devoted his life to the occupation of farming.

George A. Green was reared under the parental roof and completed his education in the high school of his native city. He was a lad of but twelve years of age when he began to earn his living, giving his attention to farming interests and to the raising of horses and cattle. He was connected with farm work for three years and then entered the employ of the Cortland Cart & Carriage Company, with which he remained for six years. He served a full apprenticeship, learning every angle of the business of building and trimming fine coaches and carriages, working his way upward to the position of head trimmer. He spent seven years in Detroit in the employ of Major A. Fisher, making customs bodies and trimmings. On the 2d of June, 1914, he arrived in Tulsa and opened a small shop for the manufacture of automobile tops and customs trimmings, making top, seat and tire covers. The business was begun on a small scale but has rapidly increased until it is now one of substantial proportions, and he has the reputation for doing the highest grade work of this character in the state. His trade has grown steadily by reason of the excellence of his workmanship, which is attested by satisfied customers. He does no advertising, his trade coming entirely from the district, and week by week his business seems to grow and expand. He has also become identified with oil interests and other business affairs in the southwest but concentrates





*G. W. Green*



his attention upon his manufacturing interests and specializes in high-class work, seeking no other kind. He belongs to the Automobile Dealers Association and has exhibited at the automobile shows.

Mr. Green was married to Miss Irma Beaumont of Muskogee, and they are well known socially in Tulsa. They have one child, Paula Jean, born April 14, 1921. In politics Mr. Green's position is that of an independent democrat. Fraternally he is connected with the Elks Lodge, No. 946, and he became one of the early members of the Kiwanis Club. He likewise belongs to the Automobile Club and to the Chamber of Commerce and is interested in all those forces which make for the growth and progress of the city through the extension of its trade relations and the upbuilding of its intellectual, moral and civic forces.

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#### ROBERT EDWARD ADAMS.

Robert Edward Adams, who is the head of the Adams-Walker Investment Company of Tulsa, is a man of splendid business ability, of marked initiative and untiring energy. Back of his activity in real estate and oil circles is a broad experience in the practice of law which won him distinction as an able member of the bar. All of the experiences of his life have been made to count for much in the attainment of the present-day success. A native of Odessa, Missouri, he was born March 27, 1881, his parents being Noah P. and Mary Elizabeth (Muir) Adams, the former a native of Kentucky, while the latter was born in Odessa, Missouri. The father devoted his life to the occupation of farming and was a veteran of the Civil war. He belonged to the Christian church and ever guided his life according to its teachings. The family numbered nine children, of whom seven are living.

Robert E. Adams, having completed a public school course, attended Odessa College and then entered the Washington University at St. Louis in preparation for a legal career, winning his LL. B. degree in 1905 and gaining admission to the bar in the same year. He then engaged successfully in law practice for eleven years at Taloga, Oklahoma, after which he came to Tulsa, devoting altogether fifteen years to his practice as a member of the bar. He displayed splendid ability as a trial lawyer, kept his work up and never let a case drag along in the courts. Possessing also good business judgment, as a consequence he made a financial success of his law practice. Since 1916 he has given his attention largely to the oil business, to building and loan operations and to the handling of real estate, being now at the head of the Adams-Walker Investment Company, his associate in this undertaking being W. Frank Walker. They have eleven solicitors in their office and are conducting a business of extensive proportions. Mr. Adams readily recognizes the advantageous point of a situation, displaying at all times splendid business ability and untiring energy.

About fourteen years ago Mr. Adams was married to Miss Sarah Black, a native of Oklahoma, and they have become the parents of three children: Helen thirteen years of age; Robert, aged ten; and Mary Lou, four, constituting a most interesting little family group.

Mr. Adams is a generous contributor to the Christian church and fraternally he is connected with the Masons, having attained the Knight Templar degree in the York Rite, while with the Nobles of India Temple of Mystic Shrine he has crossed the sands of the desert. He is likewise identified with the Independent

Order of Odd Fellows and he is a member of the City Club, the Advertising Club and the Tulsa Automobile Club. In politics he is a democrat and at one time was state committeeman from Dewey county. In Masonic circles, too, he was called to office and is a past grand master of the blue lodge. He still belongs to the State Bar Association and finds many of his friends among his former colleagues and contemporaries in the profession. He is a clear and interesting speaker, strong in debate, and a logical reasoner. What he has already accomplished is a foreshadowing of future successes and Tulsa has reason to be congratulated on the fact that he has cast in his lot with hers, for his activities are of a character that contributes to public prosperity and progress as well as to individual advancement.

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#### ALBERT WALTON ROTH, M. D.

Dr. Albert Walton Roth, who in his practice in Tulsa is specializing on diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, was born in Fairfield, Iowa, July 7, 1873, his parents being J. E. and Laura (Craine) Roth, the former a native of Marietta, Pennsylvania, and the latter of Ohio. In young manhood Mr. Roth went to Iowa, where he engaged in the dry goods business for a time and later became identified with the Iowa State Savings Bank at Fairfield, in which undertaking he was very successful. He was regarded as a man of thoroughly sound judgment and his opinions and advice were sought by the entire community. He was truly a self-made man and started out in the business world when a boy as an employe in a dry goods store in Fairfield at a salary of but one hundred dollars per year. From that initial point, however, he worked his way steadily upward and became one of the men of affluence in his community, winning at the same time that good name which is rather to be chosen than great riches.

After acquiring a public school education Dr. Roth attended the Parsons College at Fairfield, Iowa, and then entered the Hahnemann Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1900, with the M. D. degree. He served as an interne and from 1900 until 1904 he was in general practice in Detroit, Michigan, and did special work in the Detroit eye, ear, nose and throat clinic. He also took postgraduate work in the Manhattan College in New York city. In 1905 he located in Fort Collins, Colorado, where he specialized on the eye, ear, nose and throat and not only did he win a creditable professional position, but was also active in civic and public affairs there. He was president of the local Young Men's Christian Association and was active as a member of the state committee of the Young Men's Christian Association. He belonged to the Presbyterian church and took a most helpful interest in the Sunday school work. He served as alderman of the city and thus in many ways was influential in the public life of his community. In 1909 he went to Texas and in April, 1910, he came to Tulsa, where he has remained, limiting his practice to diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. He is not only one of the oldest, but ranks as one of the best representatives of his profession in this field. He has thorough knowledge of the science of medicine and surgery, particularly in the line of his specialty and gives close personal attention to all of his duties of this character. He is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and belongs to the Tulsa County, Oklahoma State, American and Southwestern Medical Associations, to the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Oto-Laryngology and to the Mid-west Medical Society. In 1916 he was president of the Tulsa Medical So-

ciety. He has at all times used every opportunity that would enable him to promote his professional knowledge and skill and his scientific attainments have placed him in a point of leadership in his chosen field. Aside from his practice he is a director of the Guarantee Title & Trust Company of Tulsa.

In June, 1900, at Lake Okoboji, Iowa, Dr. Roth was married to Miss Anna Crawford, a daughter of Oliver Crawford. Dr. and Mrs. Roth have two children: John Edward, Jr., and A. Walton.

Dr. and Mrs. Roth are members of the Presbyterian church, in which he is serving as an elder. Mrs. Roth is president of the Young Women's Christian Association and she was chairman of the women's division of the Navy League and chairman of the women's division of the United War Work Campaign during the World war. In 1917 she served as a member of the executive committee in charge of the Red Cross drive. She belongs to the Tuesday Book Club and also to the Shakespeare Club. The memberships of Dr. Roth extend to Tulsa Lodge, No. 71, A. F. & A. M., and to the Chamber of Commerce, as well as to various club organizations, including the Rotary, Automobile, City and Country Clubs. He is quite active in the Rotary Club, but his greatest activity perhaps outside of business is in connection with the church. He was a former teacher in the Bible school.

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#### ROGER SEYMOUR SHERMAN.

Roger Seymour Sherman, whose literary training at Harvard was supplemented by preparation for the bar in the University of Pennsylvania, is now engaged in law practice in Tulsa as a member of the firm of West, Sherman, Davidson & Moore, ranking high in the legal circles of the state. Mr. Sherman is a native of Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred at Titusville on the 11th of March, 1879. He is descended in both the paternal and maternal lines from ancestry represented in the Revolutionary war. His parents were Roger and Alma (Seymour) Sherman, the former a native of Tennessee, while the latter was born in Michigan. The father, also an attorney by profession, served as a Confederate soldier during the Civil war and for many years was a resident of Titusville, Pennsylvania, where he passed away. His political allegiance was at all times given to the democratic party and his position upon any vital question was never an equivocal one. Fraternally he was a Mason loyal to the teachings of the craft, and his religious faith was that of the Episcopal church. To him and his wife were born two children, the daughter being Mrs. Thomas W. Phillips of Butler, Pennsylvania.

The only son, Roger S. Sherman, having pursued a high school education in his native city, afterward attended a preparatory school at Lawrenceville, New Jersey, and then entered Harvard for his literary course, winning the Bachelor of Arts degree upon graduation with the class of 1901. A review of the broad field of business, with its varied opportunities along industrial, commercial, agricultural and professional lines, determined him to enter upon the study of law and after a special course in the law school of the University of Pennsylvania he was admitted to the bar in September, 1907. He entered upon active practice in the Indian Territory and for a time continued alone in the work of his profession but on the 1st of February, 1915, entered into his present partnership relation as a member of the firm of West, Sherman, Davidson & Moore. Their position at the Oklahoma bar is a creditable one and Mr. Sherman is widely rec-

ognized as a lawyer of ability, who most carefully analyzes and prepares his cases and whose reasoning is sound and logical. He belongs to the Oklahoma State and American Bar Associations and his fellow members of the profession speak of him in terms of high regard.

Professional interests, however, were put aside by Mr. Sherman in 1917 in order that he might aid his country in the struggle for world democracy. On the 13th of May, 1917, he enlisted and went to the Officers' Training Camp at Little Rock, Arkansas, where he won a commission as captain of field artillery, afterwards being assigned to the Three Hundred and Thirty-sixth Field Artillery of the Eighty-seventh Division. He went to France on the 20th of August, 1918, spending six months abroad and returning on the 21st of March, 1919. His military record was in harmony with that of his Revolutionary war ancestry and with the record of the family through all the intervening years—a record characterized by patriotic loyalty to the country at all times.

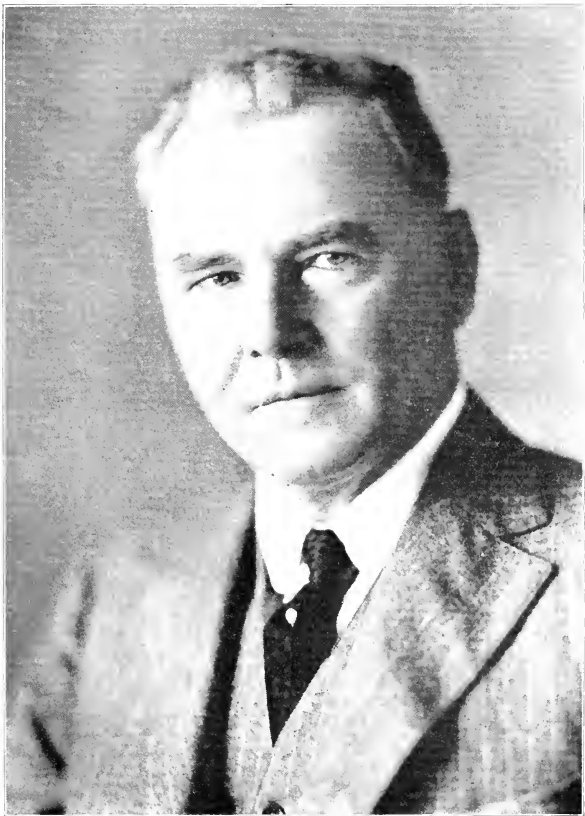
In his religious belief Mr. Sherman is a Presbyterian and political'y he is a democrat. He belongs to the University Club, the Country Club, the Petroleum Club and to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 946, of Tulsa.

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#### GEORGE COYLE.

George Coyle, general superintendent of the Prairie Pipe Line Company and a dynamic figure in the business circles of Tulsa, was born in Olean, New York, October 13, 1864, his parents being M. A. and Ellen Coyle. The father was born in Ireland and when twenty-four years of age came to the United States, where he engaged in business as a tanner. He has departed this life but is survived by three of the eight children of the family.

George Coyle, after obtaining a public school education which was concluded by a course in the high school, started out in the business world in the capacity of bookkeeper but has long been connected with the oil business and began his career as a pipe line man by entering the employ of the United Pipe Lines, the predecessor of the National Transit Company. For two years Mr. Coyle operated in the oil fields of New York and Pennsylvania and then went to Ohio to become an employe of the Buckeye Pipe Line Company, with which he remained until 1903. That year witnessed his removal to Kansas and for some time he was in the pipe line department of the Prairie Oil & Gas Company at Independence. Faithfulness and capability led to his steady progress and frequent promotions, and with the organization of the Prairie Pipe Line Company he was made its general superintendent and one of the directors. He has since concentrated his efforts and energy upon the management of the business, which is now conducted under the name of the Prairie Pipe Line Company, with offices in the Exchange Bank building in Tulsa. Mr. Coyle has been connected with the mid-continent oil field since 1903 and has made his home in Tulsa since 1909. Important and extensive are the duties that devolve upon him, requiring executive ability, keen insight and sagacity and indefatigable energy. He has large numbers of men under his direction, must expend huge sums of money in carrying on the business and must know at every point how to accomplish the maximum results with the minimum expenditure of time, labor and material. His long connection with oil interests has well qualified him for the work that devolves upon him and his pronounced success as a pipe line man is clearly demonstrated in the important position which he is now filling.



GEORGE COYLE





On the 15th of March, 1891, Mr. Coyle was united in marriage to Miss Isabel Carmen, the wedding being celebrated at Bradner, Ohio. To them have been born three children: Harold, Carmen, and Kenneth.

Mr. Coyle is a member of the Country Club and the City Club and is also identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is likewise a fourth degree Knight of Columbus and belongs to the Holy Family parish of the Roman Catholic church. His entire life has been characterized by a steady progress that has continually brought him larger opportunities which he has eagerly and wisely utilized, not only in the upbuilding of his own fortunes but in the development of the natural resources of the state. Oklahoma's progress in recent years is attributable in large measure to the men of broad vision and of marked enterprise who have entered the oil fields and have made use of the natural resources of the state in this connection, and the work of George Coyle has been a vital element in producing results achieved.

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### EDWARD CROSSLAND.

Edward Crossland has filled the office of county attorney in Tulsa county, his elections being the direct evidence of his capability in office and the confidence reposed in him by his fellow townsmen. He was four years assistant county attorney when called to the office of county attorney, and discharged his duties with marked fidelity to the interests entrusted to his care. Mr. Crossland comes to Oklahoma from the state of Kentucky, his birth having occurred March 24, 1875, in Mayfield, Graves county. His parents were Samuel H. and Martha (Smith) Crossland, who were also natives of that state, the former born near Clinton in Hickman county, August 7, 1849, while the latter was born in Hopkinsville, Christian county, February 26, 1852. The father was a student in Washington & Lee University after completing the public school course and later was graduated from the Louisville Law College, thus qualifying for a professional career. He entered upon active practice at Mayfield, Graves county, where he continued to follow his profession until 1909, since which time he has been an honored and representative member of the bar of Paducah, Kentucky. He served for one term, from 1882 until 1886 as county attorney of Graves county and for six years as commonwealth attorney of the First Judicial District of Kentucky. His political allegiance has always been given to the democratic party and fraternally he is connected with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias. In 1895 he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who passed away on the 10th of December of that year. Their seven children, of whom Edward is the eldest, are living, with the exception of one. It is interesting in this connection to know something of the family from which Mr. Crossland springs. His grandfather was Colonel Edward Crossman, a native of Hickman county, Kentucky, who served for several terms on the bench of the common pleas and circuit courts and was also commonwealth attorney, while from 1872 to 1876 he represented his district in congress. He was a colonel of the Seventh Kentucky Infantry of the Confederate army during the Civil war and commanded a Kentucky brigade under General Forrest. He represented one of the oldest and most honored families of the Blue-grass state.

Edward Crossland at the usual age became a public school pupil at Mayfield and afterward continued his studies in the West Kentucky College, while later

he matriculated in Central College at Danville, Kentucky, and won his LL. B. degree in 1900, pursuing his course there under the presidency of Hon. J. Proctor Knott. He was admitted to the bar, however, in March, 1898, and entered upon the practice of his profession in his native city. While there residing he was chosen for the office of city attorney and for more than a decade continued an active representative of the bar, enjoying a good practice. In August, 1910, he determined to try his fortune in the rapidly developing city of Tulsa and here opened an office for the general practice of law. Through the intervening period of eleven years he has remained here and in 1914 he was elected to the office of county attorney after having previously served as assistant county attorney. He was most wise and faithful in discharging the duties of the position, so that all who know aught of his career speak of his course in terms of the highest regard. Nor is this the only public office that he has filled, for while residing in Mayfield, Kentucky, he served on the bench of the county court of Graves county from January, 1906, until January, 1910. After removing to Tulsa he became a law partner of Judge Conn Linn and later an associate of E. T. Hainer and H. B. Martin. This covered the period up to his appointment to official position.

In 1917 Judge Crossland was united in marriage to Miss Leila Manson of Kansas City. By a former marriage he had two children: Samuel Hess, who was born April 25, 1902, and is now attending law school at Lebanon, Tennessee; and Sue Hyatt, born January 26, 1904, and now a high school pupil. Mr. and Mrs. Crossland occupy a prominent position in the social circles of the city. He belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and to the Knights of Pythias and in all matters of citizenship he stands for the most progressive element and by his support of a measure contributes to the success of those interests which are of material, social, intellectual and moral benefit.

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#### HAROLD B. JUSTICE, M. D.

Dr. Harold B. Justice, a Tulsa physician who is specializing in urology, was born February 6, 1883, in St. Joseph, Missouri, his parents being S. H. and Hannah (Blake) Justice, natives of Illinois and New York, respectively. In young manhood the father started out in the business world and removing to St. Joseph, Missouri, there engaged in the hardware trade, being now president of the Robinson Heavy Hardware Company, a big wholesale concern. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Dr. Justice attended the public schools of his native city and afterward entered Ensworth Medical College at St. Joseph, where he won his M. D. degree in 1907. Later he studied in the University of Southern California at Los Angeles and served an internship in several hospitals in St. Joseph, thus gaining that broad and valuable experience which comes through hospital practice. For a time he engaged in private practice in his native city and in 1917 removed to Sapulpa, Oklahoma, where he not only followed his profession but became one of the organizers and promoters of the Rotary Club of that place. Removing to Tulsa he has since confined his practice to urology and has gained eminence as a specialist in this field. He belongs to the Tulsa County, Oklahoma State, American and Southern Medical Associations. At the time of the World war his professional skill was employed in connection with military activities. On the 25th of June, 1918, he enlisted in the United States army, being sent to Camp Travis and later assigned to Base Hospital, No. 121, for overseas service.

Arriving in France he was assigned to Camp Hospital, No. 26, at St. Aignan, a famous rest camp, where he was in charge of the urological section and also active as chief surgeon of this hospital, containing twenty-two hundred beds. He was promoted to a captaincy April 25, 1919, and received his discharge on the 9th of July of the same year, reaching Tulsa on the 23d of September, 1919.

On the 9th of November, 1909, Dr. Justice was married at Morrison, Illinois, to Miss Shirley Mouck, a daughter of Louis Mouck, who passed away in March, 1920. Dr. and Mrs. Justice have two children: Harriett and Gertrude.

Dr. Justice belongs to Sapulpa Lodge, No. 170, A. F. & A. M., also to the Consistory at Guthrie and the Elks lodge at Sapulpa and he has membership in Joe Carson Post of the American Legion. He is recognized as a young physician of ability and prominence and his thorough training and broad practice have gained him fame in the field of urology.

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### FRANK HARROUN CASEBEER.

The rapid growth and development of Tulsa is one of the miracles of the present century. Men of enterprise, coming into the southwest, have bent their energies toward the advancement and substantial improvement of the city in a way that has brought about marvelous results. Its commercial interests find a worthy representative in Frank Harroun Casebeer, who is the vice president of the Rosser-Casebeer Furniture Company, one of the largest enterprises of this kind in the city. He dates his residence in Tulsa from 1914, having arrived in this city in his early thirties. His birth occurred in Des Moines, Iowa, November 5, 1882, his father being Oscar H. Casebeer, who was born in Illinois and devoted his attention to the life insurance business. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and also of the Baptist church, in the work of which he took a very active and helpful part. He wedded Ida May Miller, a native of Kewanee, Illinois, who is still living, while the death of Mr. Casebeer occurred in Los Angeles, California. In their family were four children.

Frank H. Casebeer, after obtaining a high school education in Des Moines, attended the University of Iowa, from which he was graduated with the class of 1906. He then turned his attention to the grain business and was for two years identified with the Board of Trade in Chicago. He afterward went on the road as a traveling representative of the Goodyear Rubber Company and spent four and a half years in that connection. For seven months he was manager of the branch at Oklahoma City and for a year and a half was manager for the company at St. Louis. He left the latter city to come to Tulsa in 1914 as manager of the Hunt Company, proprietors of a department store. He continued in that connection until September, 1919, when he became identified with the Rosser-Casebeer Furniture Company, of which he has since been vice president. The other officers are I. G. Rosser, president, and C. E. Moon, secretary and treasurer. The company owns and controls a large furniture store and enjoys a very liberal patronage, for the business is based upon sound and reliable principles and unassailable commercial integrity. Mr. Casebeer is also a partner in the Howell & Skinner Company, an insurance business, and is a director of the Hunt Company, owners of a large department store.

In 1915 Mr. Casebeer was married to Miss Sarah Elizabeth Hunt of Arkansas, a daughter of Daniel Hunt, head of the department store of Tulsa which

bears his name. They have two children: Daniel, Jr., who is three years of age; and Virginia May, in her first year.

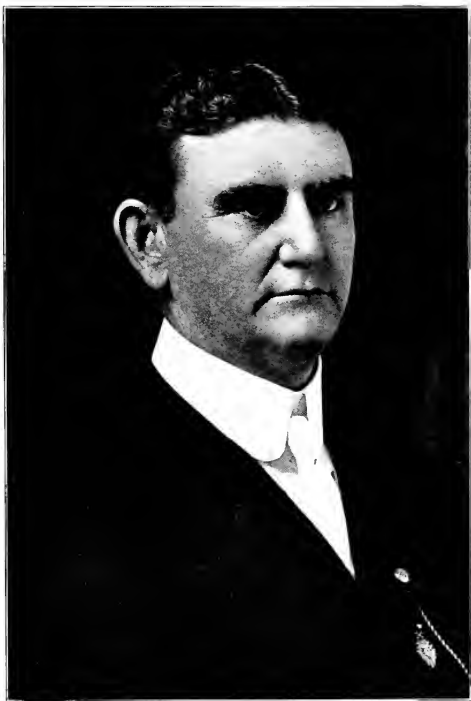
Mr. Casebeer turns to golf, fishing and hunting for recreation. He belongs to the Country Club, also to the Kiwanis Club, the City Club and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is also a member of Delta Lodge, No. 496, A. F. & A. M., and has taken the degrees of both the York and Scottish Rites, becoming a Knight Templar and Consistory Mason. He is likewise a member of Akdar Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He belongs to Trinity Episcopal church and is a member of its Men's Club. He has connection with the Retail Merchants Association and is a member of the Chamber of Commerce. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he is active in all civic affairs, standing in support of every plan or measure that tends to upbuild and benefit Tulsa in any way. He has been one of the promoters of the new Industrial Exposition for Tulsa and there is no phase of progress and improvement that does not receive his support and cooperation. At the same time he has carefully carried on his individual business affairs and is a keen and successful man whose prosperity is the direct outcome of capability, close application and sound judgment.

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#### CHARLES T. BYRD.

Aside from the individual distinction he has gained as one of the prominent and influential members of the Oklahoma bar, Charles T. Byrd is a scion of one of the old and honored colonial families of Virginia and the name which he bears has been one of no minor distinction in the annals of American history. Commodore Byrd, the progenitor of the family in America, came from England and made settlement on the Potomac river, near the Mount Vernon home of General George Washington, and he was one of the honored and influential men of that section of the Old Dominion, his residence place, known as Byrd's Castle, having been one of the fine old patrician homesteads of Virginia and the history of that commonwealth gives honorable record concerning him, his home and his prominence in the public and social life of Virginia. It will be recalled also by close students of colonial history that the name of Jane Byrd, a representative of this family, was graciously linked with that of General Washington at one period in his career. The paternal great-grandfather of the subject of this review was a patriot soldier in the Continental Line in the war of the Revolution as were also seven of his brothers, and this honored ancestor attained to the patriarchal age of one hundred and five years, he having been a resident of Kentucky at the time of his death.

Charles T. Byrd of Tulsa, was born in Wolfe county, Kentucky, on the 5th of November, 1870, and is a son of William R. and Mary Byrd, his father having become a successful teacher in the schools of the Bluegrass state, where also he was long and prominently associated with farm enterprise. At the time of the Civil war he served as a private in a regiment of Kentucky infantry, and in this and all other relations of life he well upheld the honors of the family name. Charles T. Byrd gained his early education in the public schools of his native state and in preparation for his chosen profession completed the prescribed curriculum of the law department of Central College, at Richmond, Kentucky, in which institution he was graduated as a member of the class of 1896, his admission to the bar of Kentucky having been virtually coincident with his reception of the degree of Bachelor of Laws.



CHARLES T. BYRD



At the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, in 1898, Mr. Byrd promptly manifested his patriotism by enlisting, at Lexington, as a member of Company D, Fourth Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, in which he was made first sergeant of his company. The regiment continued in service until the termination of active conflict in Cuba but was not called to the stage of action. After receiving his honorable discharge from the nation's military service Mr. Byrd entered upon his professional career at Jackson, the judicial center of Breathitt county, Kentucky, and he soon made for himself a name and reputation in his chosen sphere of endeavor. He was made prosecuting attorney and also had the distinction of being one of the attorneys who appeared in connection with the celebrated Goebel election case in the Kentucky courts.

Mr. Byrd continued in the practice of his profession in the old Bluegrass state until 1902, when he came to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where his ability and reputation led to his being appointed a legal adviser to the state constitutional convention in 1907. He again came prominently forward in connection with governmental affairs in the new commonwealth when he was retained in a legal advisory capacity by the first legislature of the state, appointed by Speaker Murray. In 1909 he went to Denver, Colorado, and practiced law until 1912. In 1913 he established his residence at San Diego, California, and in the following year had active charge of the democratic campaign in southern California, with headquarters in the city of Los Angeles. He showed characteristic finesse and executive ability in the manoeuvring of the political forces at his command and made for his party a splendid record of service during that campaign. In 1915 Mr. Byrd returned to Oklahoma and engaged in practice at Pawhuska, Osage county, and there he became a recognized authority in connection with Indian affairs involving the relations of the government with the Indians of the Osage Nation. In 1916 he became special counsel for the United States Reclamation Service with headquarters at Denver. In 1918 he established his permanent residence at Tulsa, where he has since been in active practice as one of the representative members of the bar of Tulsa county, with a large and important clientele. He continues to give much attention to legal service in connection with Indian affairs and also is known as one of the leading corporation attorneys of this metropolitan section of the state. He is still a resourceful and influential worker in behalf of the cause of the democratic party and is serving in 1921 as a member of the party's central committee of Tulsa county. He has been affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for a quarter of a century, holds membership also in the Knights of Pythias, and is actively identified with the Tulsa Bar Association and the Oklahoma State Bar Association.

Mr. Byrd has five children: Grace, Margaret, Lucille, Charles and Virginia Evelyn. The family home is a center of gracious hospitality and Mr. Byrd maintains his professional headquarters in the Security State Bank building.

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#### HENRY C. CHILDS, M. D.

Dr. Henry C. Childs, a physician of Tulsa, who since 1914 has practiced in this city and is largely specializing in obstetrics, was born March 10, 1878, in Canton, Texas. His father, Hezekiah Childs, was a native of Ripley, Mississippi, born July 13, 1848, and was a veteran of the Confederate army of the Civil war, enlisting in a Mississippi regiment. After the war was over he became a teacher of Texas and came to Oklahoma in the early days, carrying on

mercantile pursuits at Shawnee. He has always been very active, not only in commercial circles but in other connections as well. He is a member of the Confederate Veterans Association, gives consistent support to the democratic party and is an active worker in the Universalist church. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Lee Anna Emerson, was born in Alabama and died when their son Henry was but five years of age.

Dr. Childs of this review obtained his public school education in Canton, Texas, and afterward took up the study of art and science in the University of Oklahoma before entering Tulane University, in which he pursued his medical course, winning his professional degree in 1905. He then located for practice at Norman, Cleveland county, Oklahoma, where he successfully followed his profession for several years and then in 1913 returned to the Tulane Medical College for postgraduate work. In 1914 he came to Tulsa and while continuing in general practice is also well known as an obstetrician, having largely specialized in that branch of professional work. He was the vice president of the Tulsa Medical Society in 1916 and also belongs to the State and American Medical Associations.

Dr. Childs was married to Miss Leona Kytte, who died in 1908, leaving two children: Vernon and Darwin. He later wedded Miss Lulu Leslie, a daughter of William A. Leslie, who in his boyhood came into Indian Territory and was one of the early settlers of Norman, serving as United States marshal when this entire section of the country was largely a wild and undeveloped region. In his political views Dr. Childs is a democrat and an earnest worker in behalf of party principles. He belongs to the Kiwanis Club, is vice president of the Automobile Club of Tulsa for the year 1921, is a member of the City Club and has membership in Tulsa Lodge, No. 71, A. F. & A. M., and in the Scottish Rite Consistory at McAlester. He finds his recreation largely in research work and is constantly carrying forward his study and his investigation.

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#### LEE L. LEVERING.

Lee L. Levering, a clothing merchant of Tulsa, belongs to that class of men to whom progressiveness spells success. Energetic, wide-awake, alert and determined, he carries forward to a logical conclusion whatever he undertakes and the results of his labors are gratifying. It is by this method that he has attained a prominent place in the business circles of his adopted city. He was born in St. Marys, Ohio, May 2, 1880, and is a son of Howard and Ellen (Heap) Levering, the former a native of Ohio, while the latter was born in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, being a daughter of Henry Heap, who afterward became a resident of St. Marys, Ohio. Howard Levering followed the occupation of farming to the time of his death, which occurred about twelve years ago. He was a member of the Baptist church and a highly esteemed citizen of his community. To him and his wife were born eight children, but two of whom are living.

Lee L. Levering completed his education in the high school at St. Marys, Ohio, and then entered a clothing store as a clerk, spending four years in that connection. He afterward attended the United States Naval Academy and subsequently was identified with business interests in Baltimore, Cincinnati and Chicago. He established business on his own account at Montpelier, Indiana, and devoted seven years to the clothing trade. He afterward went to Chicago and for six months was employed in the Hub, one of the leading clothing houses



of that city. With his removal to the southwest he settled in Muskogee, where for five years he was connected with the clothing trade. In 1913 he removed to Tulsa and established business in a little room, twelve by fifteen feet, in the Robinson Hotel. He remained at Third and Main streets for a year and then moved to his present location. Here he has developed a large clothing store, meeting the requirements of a constantly increasing patronage. He carries an attractive line of goods and the reliability and thoroughness of his business methods have been important elements in the attainment of his present success.

In 1906 Mr. Levering was united in marriage to Miss Lillian A. Seigmund of Huntington, Indiana, daughter of J. F. J. Seigmund. They have become the parents of a son, Jack, thirteen years of age.

Mr. Levering is a member of the Chamber of Commerce of Tulsa and is now serving as one of its directors. He is also a member of the Rotary Club and of the Ad Club. Fraternally he is a Mason, having membership in Delta Lodge, No. 425, A. F. & A. M., and he has also taken the Scottish Rite degrees, while with the Nobles of Akdar Temple of the Mystic Shrine he has crossed the sands of the desert. He belongs to the Baptist church, which is indicative of his religious faith, and in the work of the church he takes quite an active interest, serving as a teacher in the Sunday school, while in the Young Men's Christian Association of Tulsa he is a director. He finds his recreation and diversion in tennis and is an enthusiast concerning the game. He has been very active and successful as a merchant and his store in the Hotel Tulsa is one of the finest commercial establishments of the city. Aside from this he was the director of the War Stamp Bank. His sound judgment is manifest in everything that he attempts and his course has been so wisely directed that he never stops short of the successful accomplishment of his purpose.

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### HARRY CLYDE FAIR.

Harry Clyde Fair is the attorney for the Mid-Co Petroleum Company. His ability is based upon thorough preliminary training and the development of his powers through wise study and broad experience. He was associated with one of the prominent law firms of St. Louis before coming to Tulsa, and through the period of his residence here has made steady professional progress. Moreover, he is entitled to mention in this volume as one of the veterans of the World war. He was born in New Haven, Missouri, June 28, 1890, a son of Walter H. and Mary (Murphy) Fair, the former a native of New Haven, Missouri, while the latter was born in Culpeper county, Virginia. They still reside in New Haven, where the father has for many years successfully engaged in the nursery business. They reared a family of two sons, the younger being Robert, who is still living in New Haven.

Harry Clyde Fair obtained his education in the public schools of his native city and in Washington University of St. Louis, in which he pursued a classical course, winning the A. B. degree, while later he took up the study of law in the same institution and secured his LL. B. degree in 1914. In the same year he was admitted to the bar and entered upon active practice in St. Louis in connection with the firm of Nagel & Kirby, the senior partner having been secretary of commerce and labor under President Taft. Mr. Fair continued with that firm until the 30th of January, 1916, thus gaining broad and valuable experience, and at the date indicated he came to Tulsa, where he has been engaged in gen-

eral practice, although specializing in corporation law of which he has intimate and accurate knowledge. He belongs to both the Tulsa County and the Missouri State Bar Associations.

On the 28th of June, 1919, Mr. Fair was married to Miss Margaret Hocker, a daughter of G. C. Hocker, a pioneer of Fayette, Missouri. Mr. Fair's political allegiance is given to the democratic party. In lodge circles he is well known, having membership in Evergreen Lodge, No. 27, A. F. & A. M., in Oklahoma Consistory and in Akdar Temple A. A. O. N. M. S. of Tulsa. He likewise belongs to the Kappa Alpha, and to the Phi Delta Phi fraternities. A most interesting chapter in his life record covers his connection with the aviation service of the United States army. Entering the air service he became a first lieutenant, being on duty at Ellington Field, near Houston, Texas. He is progressive in all of his relations to the public welfare, supporting all those interests which seem to promise benefit for the community, the commonwealth and the country.

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#### RONALD ROBERTSON SMITH, M. D.

Dr. Ronald Robertson Smith, urologist. Along strictly professional lines his membership is with the Tulsa, the Oklahoma State and the American Medical Associations and through the proceedings of these societies he keeps abreast with the most advanced thought, purposes, ideals and methods of the profession.

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#### WILLIAM STRYKER.

Various lines of business claimed the attention and benefited by the cooperation and sound judgment of William Stryker while he was still an active factor in the world's work and at his death Tulsa lost a representative citizen whose interests were of importance in her upbuilding and progress. He long figured prominently in newspaper circles in the west, and while he withdrew from newspaper publication in the later years of his life, he was still the owner of a printery and bindery to the time of his demise and was also extensively engaged in the real estate business in Tulsa. He came to the southwest from Strykersville, New York, where his birth occurred March 24, 1858, his parents being Alfred and Mary (Warner) Stryker, who were also natives of the Empire state. The father there engaged in the dairy business until 1872, when he removed to Blue Rapids, Kansas, where he took up land and also purchased large tracts, continuing the cultivation and improvement of his farm holdings to the time of his demise. Both he and his wife have now passed away.

William Stryker was reared and educated in New York and in Kansas, removing to the Sunflower state with his parents when a youth of fifteen years. The family home was established at Waterville, Kansas, where he remained on a farm to the age of twenty-one years, except that during this period he spent a few terms as teacher in a rural school during the winter seasons. On attaining his majority he entered the Kansas State Normal College at Fort Scott, Kansas, and there completed a classical course. Later he accepted a position as instructor in the college there and conducted teachers' institutes through the summer months. Subsequently he owned and managed the Central Normal College at



Wm. Stoughton.



Great Bend, Kansas, and it was from there that he was elected to the position of state superintendent of public instruction. It was largely through his efforts while in this office that the textbook law was enacted. No man who ever filled the office of state superintendent kept in closer touch with the teachers and educational workers than Mr. Stryker. Upon the expiration of his term of office he became engaged in journalism, owning and publishing "The People's Voice," a weekly paper of Wellington, Kansas, and also "The Daily Tribune," published at Winfield, Kansas. In 1904 he removed to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he founded the "Daily Democrat," of which he continued editor and manager until the paper was sold in the autumn of 1916. Thereafter until his death he divided his attention among various business enterprises. He was the owner of the Democrat Printing Company, also of the Quality Engraving Company and the new Jefferson Hotel on South Boulder avenue. When he cast in his lot with Tulsa in 1904 and purchased the Democrat, it marked the transformation of a village weekly into a city daily newspaper. The strenuous life of one who devotes his time, energy and resources to the building up of a great daily paper is perhaps fully realized only by those who have carried the burden. The growth and development of Tulsa was the ideal of the Democrat rather than the personal popularity or financial success of its owner. The champion of law and order, he was the target of the lawless element. His physical and moral courage was admired by his friends and admitted by his critics. Always ready to lead in political rivalry, he was ever bold and aggressive to denounce evil and hold up the standards of civic life. His entire career in Tulsa was one of usefulness and uplift to the community in which he lived. Tulsa owes to the memory of William Stryker the benediction of approval of his life as a builder of Tulsa. He wronged no man, he gave more to than he drew from the field of his activity and in many ways he championed and promoted the interests of his city. With his retirement from the field of journalism he concentrated his attention upon the real estate business and the oil industry. He began the construction of the Jefferson Hotel, which is to be a ten-story building when completed, and he likewise erected a number of apartment houses and residences in the city, wisely and carefully conducting his real estate interests, so that success attended his efforts. He likewise was interested in the oil fields and he was particularly successful as a real estate dealer, his judgment being ever sound, his sagacity keen and his enterprise unflinching.

On the 23d of December, 1903, Mr. Stryker was married to Miss Effie Owens, a daughter of J. H. and Jane (Marquis) Owens, who were natives of New Harmony, Indiana, and removed to Kansas in 1875. There they took up land and the father engaged in farming and stock raising, continuing to reside in the Sunflower state until called to his final rest on the 25th of February, 1915. His widow survived him for only about three months, passing away on the 24th of May of the same year. Their daughter, Mrs. Stryker, was born in Illinois and by her marriage has become the mother of one child, William James, born July 13, 1908.

Mr. Stryker was interested in Christian Science and his political belief was that of the democratic party. Throughout his entire life he was a man of studious habits, reading broadly and thinking deeply, and moreover was a most public-spirited citizen, standing stanchly in support of everything that pertained to the betterment, improvement and upbuilding of city, county and state. He worked untiringly to secure Oklahoma's admission into the Union and was a man of wide influence in Tulsa, his fellow townsmen recognizing his worth, his fidelity to principle and his strict adherence to high standards. It was on the

25th of February, 1918, that he was called to his final rest and in his passing Oklahoma lost a citizen whose worth was widely acknowledged and whose contribution to the improvement of the state was ever of a most substantial and tangible character.

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#### NORRIS G. HENTHORNE.

Norris G. Henthorne is treasurer of the Tulsa Daily World, and as one of the officials of this paper is displaying in its conduct the spirit of progress which has been a dominant factor in the rapid upbuilding of Tulsa, making it the leading paper of the city, while it is an exponent of the most advanced ideas of journalism. Mr. Henthorne came to Oklahoma from the state of Ohio, his birth having occurred in Ironton, March 22, 1891. He is one of a family of four children, whose parents were L. H. and Benella Henthorne, the latter deceased. Both parents were natives of Ohio, the mother having been born in Ironton as was her son. The father still makes his home there and has for many years been connected with the business interests of the city as a merchant. He has membership in the Christian church, and he is a consistent supporter of the republican party.

Norris G. Henthorne pursued his public school education at Ironton and Columbus, Ohio. When a youth he became a page in the Ohio state legislature, and afterward was identified with publicity and banking business in that state. His residence in Tulsa covers a period of nine years.

In 1914 Mr. Henthorne was married to Miss E. Gladys Roberts of Tulsa, formerly of Findlay, Ohio, a daughter of W. W. Roberts, and they have become parents of two sons: N. G., Jr., and John R. Mr. Henthorne is well known in Masonic circles, belonging to Delta Lodge, No. 425, A. F. & A. M.; Tulsa Chapter, R. A. M.; Trinity Commandery, K. T.; and Akdar Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is a prominent figure in club circles, belonging to the Automobile Club, to the Country Club and to the Kiwanis Club. Of the last named he has served as president. He is also identified with the Chamber of Commerce and is the president of the Board of Park Commissioners of Tulsa. He is keenly interested in all civic affairs and gives stalwart support to all those interests which have to do with the upbuilding of the city and with the maintenance of the highest municipal standards.

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#### THOMAS WESLEY STALLINGS, M. D.

Comparatively few who enter the medical profession attempt to cover the entire field of practice, but usually concentrate upon one or more lines and thus develop a degree of efficiency that could not otherwise be attained. Scientific investigation has revealed to the profession so many truths that the practice is now of a most complex nature and thoroughness and ability can only be acquired by close study and concentrated efforts. Recognizing this fact Dr. Thomas Wesley Stallings is giving his attention to diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat and in his specialty has won renown and success. Dr. Stallings is a native of Texas, his birth having occurred in Lamar county, July 10, 1877, his parents being Joseph E. and Nancy Stallings, the former a native of Mississippi and

the latter of Kentucky. The father was a Civil war veteran, who in young manhood went to Lamar county, Texas, where he engaged in farming and became prominent as an agriculturist. He has been actuated at all times by a most progressive spirit and has done much to further development and improvement in the region in which he lives. He has membership in the Christian church.

Dr. Stallings attended the district schools and also the town schools of Lamar, Texas, while later he pursued a course in the preparatory school at Paris, Texas. He has made his own way in the world from the age of twenty years. He came into Indian Territory in 1899, settling at Tishomingo in the Chickasaw nation and he knew personally all the chiefs and officials of that district. At length he determined to engage in the practice of medicine and accordingly entered the medical department of the Louisville Medical College at Louisville, Kentucky, from which he was graduated in 1905. He then devoted his attention to general practice in Tishomingo until 1917 and while there filled the office of county health superintendent for several terms. In 1917-18 he did special work in the Bellevue Hospital and other special clinics in New York city, studying the eye, ear, nose and throat at St. Bartholomew's clinic and the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary, and thus he greatly benefited by his thorough preparation for his specialty. In August, 1918, he came to Tulsa and has since confined his practice exclusively to diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, his efforts being attended by substantial success.

Dr. Stallings was married to Miss Lillie Bryant Leavell, who was born in Garrard county, Kentucky, a daughter of James Bryant Leavell, a prominent man of affairs and a leading agriculturist and stockman who was particularly well known as a breeder and raiser of horses. Dr. Stallings belongs to the Kiwanis Club and to the City Club of Tulsa, but gives the major part of his time and attention to his professional interests.

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#### CHARLES E. DENT.

Charles E. Dent, whose eminent position in financial circles is the outcome of unabating industry and energy that never flags, combined with sound judgment and sagacity in placing investments, is justly entitled to rank with the leading business men of Tulsa, where he has made his home since 1906. Within this period he has seen the city develop from a small town to one of metropolitan proportions, its growth reaching almost a seventyfold development within a period of twenty years.

Mr. Dent came to Oklahoma from Kansas, his birth having occurred in Parkersburg, West Virginia, on the 20th of October, 1876, his parents being James A. and Martha (Horner) Dent, who were also natives of West Virginia. The father, who devoted most of his life to merchandising, is deceased. The mother was born in Morgantown, West Virginia, and by her marriage had four children.

Charles E. Dent pursued his education largely in district schools of Kansas, continuing his studies to the age of sixteen years. He afterward went upon the road as a traveling salesman and spent ten years in that connection. He gained experience of a valuable nature and made steady progress in the business world. At length he came to Tulsa, where he took up his abode in 1906, and here was made business manager of the Tulsa World, of which he later became

president and half owner, continuing the publication of Tulsa's leading newspaper until about three years ago, when he retired from the newspaper field to concentrate his efforts and energies upon financial interests. He has since handled bonds and mortgages and his clientele is extensive and his business of an important character. While president of the Tulsa World Mr. Dent built the World building on West Fourth street and later on the World building on South Boulder, as well as a number of residences in Tulsa.

In 1904 Mr. Dent was married to Miss Evangeline Price of Joplin, Missouri, a daughter of Dr. S. C. Price, one of the first practicing physicians of that city. He is a Scottish Rite Mason and belongs to Akdar Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is likewise a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and is connected with the City Club. His wife is an active member of the Episcopal church. They are widely known in Tulsa, where they have resided for many years, and in the social circles of the city their position is a most enviable one. The life record of Mr. Dent indicates what can be accomplished through individual effort, when energy and ambition lead the way. Moreover, his record proves that success and an honored name may be won simultaneously.

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#### MRS. MINNETTE HEDGES.

Mrs. Minnette Hedges, county superintendent of schools in Tulsa county, whose recognized ability in the educational field brings her heavy responsibilities in this connection, owing to the very rapid growth in attendance at the Tulsa county schools, is a native of Bloomington, Illinois, and a daughter of Julius C. and Romaine (Harford) Miller. Her father was a building contractor, who was born in Zanesville, Ohio, and is now living retired, making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Hedges. He is a veteran of the Civil war, having served with the Sixty-sixth Illinois Infantry and for ten months he was incarcerated in Andersonville prison. His birth occurred September 22, 1845, so that he has now passed the seventy-fifth milestone on life's journey. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity and also to the Methodist Episcopal church. His wife was born in Washington, Pennsylvania, and is also living. Their family numbered five children, three of whom survive.

In the acquirement of her education Mrs. Hedges attended the Central high school of Kansas City, Missouri, was also a student at Normal, Illinois, and at the State Normal School at Emporia, Kansas. She early took up the profession of teaching in Kansas and thirteen years ago came to Tulsa, arriving here in 1908. She was married in Garnett, Kansas, to Rufus H. Hedges, who was born at Whitehall, Michigan, and was a railroad man. Theirs was a happy married life, but death terminated the relationship in 1909, when Mr. Hedges was called to his final rest, passing away soon after the removal to Tulsa.

Becoming identified with the educational interests of Tulsa county Mrs. Hedges made a splendid record as assistant county superintendent and was then called to the position of county superintendent of schools. There are three hundred and fifty teachers in the country schools of Tulsa county and she visits each school at least twice a year and some as many as four or five times yearly. Very high salaries are paid to teachers in this county and the schools are of superior grade. Mrs. Hedges has introduced many improved methods and is constantly assisting teachers by her helpful suggestions and practical ideas. She has been very prominent in church, club and social circles





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and was one of the charter members of the Tulsa Women's Club. She belongs to the First Methodist Episcopal church, has aided in Sunday school work and has been treasurer of the Ladies' Aid Society of the church for the past thirteen years. She was also county chairman for women in the Victory loan campaign and was a member of the Tulsa county fuel board, chairman of the junior Red Cross chapter and chairman for the county in the War Savings Stamps drive in the schools. Thus she did everything in her power to assist in the war activities, whereby the home defenses were maintained for the support of the soldiers in camp and field. Her influence has been a potent force for good along many lines of development in Tulsa and at all times she holds to the highest ideals.

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### JAMES E. WEBB, M. D.

Dr. James E. Webb, engaged in the practice of medicine in Tulsa, is a native of Higginsville, Missouri, and a son of William C. and Helen M. (Jones) Webb, the former born in Orange county, Virginia, while the mother's birth occurred in Rappahannock county, of the same state. In early manhood William C. Webb prepared for the practice of medicine and became a field surgeon in the Confederate army during the Civil war and was also private physician to General Joe Shelby. He served with the rank of captain for a time and later was promoted to major. He was afterward with Dr. Poe and one other physician, the three composing the medical board west of the Mississippi river. It was in 1837 that he became a resident of Missouri, casting in his lot with the pioneer settlers of that section of the country. His father was John V. Webb, who served as a captain in the Mexican war and who was a representative of a prominent family of Virginia. With the removal of Dr. W. C. Webb to Missouri he established his home at Higginsville and became a large land owner there. His professional training was received in the University of Kentucky, from which he was graduated and in the University of Pennsylvania where he also pursued a course in the medical department, thus winning his professional degree. He was one of those splendid country doctors of the old school, never hesitating to perform a professional service no matter how much personal discomfort and sacrifice might be involved therein. A courtly old gentleman, he commanded the highest respect and confidence of all who knew him to the time of his death, which occurred in Higginsville, February 4, 1896. His widow survived him for about four years, passing away in 1900.

Their son, James E. Webb, attended the public schools of his native town and afterward became a student in the collegiate department of the University of Missouri. He then began preparation for his professional career as a student in the Ohio Medical College, where he completed his course in 1881, after which he practiced at Corder, Missouri, until 1884. He then removed to Hartville, Missouri, where he remained for eleven years or until 1895 and through the succeeding period of five years he practiced successfully in Norwood, Missouri, but the opportunities afforded by the rapid and substantial growth of Tulsa called him to this field at the beginning of the century and here he has lived while Tulsa has grown by leaps and bounds from a town of eleven hundred into a great metropolitan city of more than seventy-two thousand. Dr. Webb was serving as a member of the city council when Oakland cemetery was purchased at twenty dollars per acre, then considered a fabulous price. Such has been

the growth of Tulsa that the cemetery is today situated in the center of the city. Throughout the intervening years Dr. Webb has continued in practice, becoming the loved family physician in many a household and he has also filled the position of superintendent of public health. A lover of children, he has been particularly successful in treating children's diseases, for he easily wins the confidence of the young who not only like him, but look forward to his visits as a pleasurable occasion in their lives. Dr. Webb also became one of the original stockholders and first directors of the old First National Bank of Tulsa.

In this city Dr. Webb was married to Miss Lyda Brummett, a daughter of Thomas E. Brummett, one of the pioneer grocers of this city. By a former marriage he had one son, William R. Dr. Webb turns to hunting and fishing for recreation. His political endorsement has always been given to the democratic party and he has ever kept well informed on the vital questions and issues of the day. Along strictly professional lines he is connected with the Tulsa, the Oklahoma State and the American Medical Associations and through the proceedings of these bodies keeps in touch with the trend of modern professional thought and progress. He has by reading and study developed his ability and his practice has increased with the rapid growth of Tulsa, so that heavy demands are now made upon his time and energy.

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#### CHARLES TOWNSEND KIRK.

Among the oil geologists whose activities are based upon thorough scientific knowledge and broad practical experience is Charles Townsend Kirk, who maintains an office in Tulsa and practices his profession in this section of the southwest. He is a native of Indiana, his birth having occurred in Francisco, Gibson county, June 22, 1876. His father, David Henry Kirk, was born in Indiana, in 1836 and was of Scotch descent, the ancestral line being traced back to one who landed at Jamestown, Virginia, in the early colonization of the new world. David H. Kirk devoted his entire life to the occupation of farming, save for the period of his service as a soldier of the Civil war. He became corporal of Company F, Thirty-Third Indiana Volunteer Infantry and was on duty from 1861 until 1865, also acting as assistant civil engineer in his brigade. He wedded Martha Jane Townsend, who was also a native of Indiana and came of New England ancestry. She was born in 1840. In the year 1890 Mr. and Mrs. Kirk removed to Oklahoma county, Oklahoma, where the father had homesteaded the previous year. The mother passed away in 1893, the father surviving for fifteen years or until 1908. They were the parents of four children, Ulysses D.; Nana E., the wife of W. R. Burton of Hutchinson, Kansas; Nellie G. and Charles Townsend.

The last named, after acquiring a public school education in Gibson county, Indiana, became a student in the University of Oklahoma, following the establishment of the family home in this state, and won his Bachelor of Science degree in 1904, and his Master of Arts degree in 1905. Later he continued his education in the University of Wisconsin, which in 1911 conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. He won all degrees in geologic majors, with minors in chemistry. For ten years he devoted his attention to the teaching of geology, being connected successively with the School of Mines at Butte, Montana; with the correspondence department of the University of Wisconsin; with Hunter College of New York city and with the University of New Mexico

at Albuquerque. During those years he also served as junior geologist on the United States geological survey at Washington, D. C., and as assistant geologist on the Oklahoma geologic survey at Norman, Oklahoma. Gradually in his teaching connection he rose from the position of laboratory assistant to the rank of full professor, and during the four years spent in the University of New Mexico he was also state geologist of New Mexico. He came to Tulsa in 1917 as consulting geologist and has since practiced his profession here. He is interested in a few operation companies in the mid-continent and Texas oil fields, and also has certain mining interests in the northwestern part of the United States.

In Oklahoma City, on the 22d of August, 1906, Mr. Kirk was married to Miss Bessie Keller, a daughter of Martin and Mary Jane (Thompson) Keller, both natives of Indiana, and now residents of Wichita, Kansas. They were early homesteaders in Oklahoma, and Mr. Keller had a military record as a soldier of the Union army during the Civil war. To Mr. and Mrs. Kirk have been born the following named: Ora Jane, Betty Clare, David Keller, and Florence Nell, whose ages range respectively from fourteen to seven years.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirk are members of the First Christian church of Tulsa. He belongs to the Rotary Club of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and fraternally is a Mason, while politically he is a democrat. Along professional lines his membership is with the Geological Society of America, the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers and the American Association of Petroleum Geologists. His business activity has always centered in one line and since 1917 he has been a member of the firm of Kirk & Hoover, geologists with offices in the Lynch building in Tulsa. He is fond of reading English and Spanish works, which largely constitutes his source of recreation, and for diversion he turns to hunting large and small game, having indulged in this pursuit both in the Rocky mountains and in the Andes.

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#### CHARLES M. HICKEY, M. D.

Dr. Charles M. Hickey, oculist, aurist, laryngologist and rhinologist, whose success in his profession is based upon thorough preliminary study and broad experience, is now enjoying an extensive practice in Tulsa, to which city he came from the Keystone state. His birth occurred in Allentown, Pennsylvania, May 14, 1872, his parents being Charles and Margaret (Sullivan) Hickey, who were likewise natives of Pennsylvania. The father conducted business as a wholesale dealer in cordials in Allentown and in New York.

The son, Charles M. Hickey, after attending the Manhattan Academy continued his studies in the New York University and won his M. D. degree in 1897. He then entered upon practice in New York and made steady professional progress, but desirous of still further promoting his efficiency he went abroad in 1910 and studied in some of the leading medical centers of Europe. In 1918 he came to Tulsa, where he has since specialized in the treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. Back of his success in this field lies abundant and comprehensive experience, for he was assistant surgeon of the Manhattan Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital of New York, attending ophthalmologist to the Misericordia Hospital of New York, chief of the eye clinic in St. Vincent's Hospital of New York, chief of the eye clinic in the Harlem Dispensary and was connected with the Otological Clinic, the New York Polyclinic and the

New York Post Graduate school. He studied the ear, nose and throat in the University of Vienna at Vienna, Austria, and in the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital in London, England. He is now a member of the Tulsa, the Oklahoma State and the American Medical Associations and belongs to the Medico-Legal Jurisprudence Society of New York.

Dr. Hickey was married in New York to Miss Janis Roberts Hopkins, a daughter of John Hopkins, who was born in Baltimore, Maryland, and was a relative of Johns Hopkins, the founder of the famous Johns Hopkins University of Baltimore. Her father was a contractor and builder who carried on business in Philadelphia for many years. The religious faith of Dr. Hickey is that of the Catholic church. His interests concentrate, however, upon his profession and he is one of the eminent specialists of Tulsa.

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### JAMES MAX GILLETTE.

James Max Gillette, a Tulsa capitalist who is numbered among her pioneer citizens, has been closely associated with activities and interests which have left their impress upon the history of the city, and no one rejoices more sincerely in what has been accomplished by the combined efforts of enterprising men, who within a comparatively brief period of twenty years have transformed Tulsa from a little village of a thousand inhabitants into a great metropolitan center, whose population numbers more than seventy-two thousand. Mr. Gillette was born on a farm in Lawrence county, Missouri, March 7, 1867. His father, William K. Gillette, was a native of Knoxville, Tennessee, and devoted his life largely to agricultural pursuits. He removed to Missouri soon after the Civil war, having previously served in the Union army. He died in 1908 and is still survived by his wife, who bore the maiden name of Ida Andrea and who is living in Tulsa. They became the parents of six children, two of whom have passed away.

James Max Gillette was educated in the schools of Missouri and his youthful experiences were those of the farm bred boy, his time being largely devoted to the work of the fields until he had attained his majority. He then turned his attention to the farm implement business in Carthage, Missouri, where he remained until 1892, then came to Tulsa and has since been very active in the upbuilding and promotion of the city. For years he was a leading merchant here, carrying a large stock of general merchandise and winning a very substantial patronage. He afterward turned his attention to the lumber trade and also became a well known figure in real estate circles and in connection with oil production. His holdings of Tulsa realty are very extensive and his investments have at all times been most judiciously and wisely made, while the rapid growth of the city has added greatly to the value of the properties he has acquired. He was also one of the organizers of the Central National Bank and for many years served on its board of directors. He is likewise the president of the J. M. Gillette Investment Company, handling extensive property interests, and is the president of the Max Oil Company and of many other important business concerns. It has been said that every well balanced man has a hobby—an outlet for his superfluous energy and enthusiasm. If this is true Mr. Gillette's hobby may be said to be the raising of pure bred cattle, for he is the possessor of fine herds on his country place near Tulsa.

In 1908 Mr. Gillette was married to Miss Minnie Stratton of Topeka,



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Kansas, a daughter of one of the pioneers and early builders of Topeka, Kansas. Mr. Gillette belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and was formerly identified with its predecessor, the Commercial Club, of which he served as vice president. He belongs also to the Country Club and City Club and is likewise a member of the Petroleum Club. He is extremely public-spirited, keenly interested in everything that has to do with Tulsa's welfare and development, and, moreover, has been most charitable. While his business affairs have been crowned with success, the attainment of wealth has never been the sole end and aim of his life but has been a matter of gratification to him inasmuch as it has enabled him to extend constantly a helping hand where aid was needed. He is widely known for his philanthropy, but his benefactions are unostentatiously made and are the expression of his realization of the obligations which man owes to his fellow-men.

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#### WILLIAM GLADSTONE LEMMON, M. D.

Tulsa, with its pulsing industrial and commercial activities leading to its marvelously rapid growth, has offered a splendid field for the professional man and among those active in the field of medicine and surgery in the city is Dr. William Gladstone Lemmon, who took up his abode here in 1914 and is now giving his attention largely to surgical practice. He was born in Honeywell, Kansas, July 15, 1885, a son of William W. and Matilda (Crowe) Lemmon. Both were natives of Indiana, the former born in Dubois county and the latter in Greencastle. The father served for three and a half years as a member of an Indiana infantry regiment during the Civil war and afterward studied medicine, being graduated from the medical department of the University of Indiana. He then practiced in Washington, that state, for a time, but in 1885 removed to Honeywell, Kansas, and after some years took up his abode in Indian Territory in 1898. He was very prominent in the early days as a factor in public affairs, as well as in the practice of his profession, and gave his support to the republican party. In 1913 he removed to Texas and is now engaged in practice at Aransas Pass. He has long been a strong temperance worker, exercising a wide and beneficial influence in that connection, and he is a loyal member and supporter of the Methodist church. He is likewise numbered among those who consistently follow the teachings of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while in Masonry he has attained the Knights Templar degree.

Dr. William G. Lemmon, after mastering the branches of learning constituting the public school curriculum, attended the Kansas Agricultural College and still later the Oklahoma University, which conferred upon him the Bachelor of Science degree in 1907. During his college days he became a member of the Gamma Kappa Chapter of the Kappa Sigma and was also prominent in athletic events, being a member of the track team and president of the athletic association during his senior year. He afterward went east to Columbia University of New York city and was graduated with the M. D. degree in 1910. He has given special attention to surgery in his practice and is ex-house surgeon of the Post Graduate Hospital, New York. He has taken special postgraduate work and since 1914 has practiced surgery in Tulsa, save that from the 31st of May, 1918, to the 16th of March, 1919, he was connected with the medical department of the United States army, being assigned to duty with Base Hospital, No. 2, at Fort Bliss, Texas.

On the 27th of June, 1918, Dr. Lemmon was married to Miss Lucille Cusac,

a daughter of Charles and Janet (Truax) Cusac, her father being a prominent oil producer of Arkansas City, Kansas.

Dr. Lemmon votes with the democratic party, which he has supported since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. In Masonry he is connected with Delta Lodge, No. 425, A. F. & A. M., and with Indian Consistory, A. A. S. R., at McAlester. His has been an industrious life, with close attention to details and with wise use of every opportunity to promote his knowledge and advance his efficiency. He belongs to the Tulsa, Oklahoma State and American Medical Associations and likewise has membership with the American Legion, following his World war service.

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### FINIS E. RIDDLE.

Finis E. Riddle, junior partner in the firm of Linn & Riddle, attorneys at law of Tulsa, with offices in the Mayo building, has been a representative of the bar of this state for more than a quarter of a century. In fact he began practicing in Chickasha and Ardmore, in what was then Indian Territory, in 1894 and through the intervening period has continued an active representative of the profession, his ability enabling him steadily to climb toward prominence and success. He was born in Moore county, Tennessee, July 13, 1870, a son of Martin Van Buren and Theresa (Tucker) Riddle, who were also natives of Tennessee. The father devoted his life to the profession of teaching and was regarded as one of the capable educators of his native state. He was also an active and prominent member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, in which he filled the office of elder, and he belonged to the Masonic fraternity. He married Theresa Tucker, a daughter of Dr. Tucker, and died in the year 1913, while the mother died in 1911. In their family were ten children, nine of whom are living.

After leaving the public schools Finis E. Riddle continued his education in an academy of Tennessee and afterward pursued a literary course in Holbrook's Normal at Lebanon, Ohio. He took up the study of law in the office and under the direction of Judge Samuel A. Billingsley, and was admitted to the bar of Indian Territory in 1894. He located at Chickasha, where he remained for a quarter of a century and since that time he has practiced in Tulsa, where he has gained wide recognition as an able and resourceful representative of the legal profession. He belongs to both the Oklahoma State and American Bar Associations and enjoys the highest regard of his colleagues and contemporaries in the profession, for they recognize his allegiance to the highest standards and ethics, his course always indicating that while his devotion to his clients' interests is proverbial, he realizes the fact that he owes a still higher allegiance to the majesty of the law. He was appointed by Governor Cruce, to succeed Chief Justice Samuel S. Hays, resigned, on the supreme bench of Oklahoma in 1914, and is credited with writing a larger number of opinions than any justice on the bench during the same period of time. His work in the highest court in the state was highly commended generally by the bar throughout the state.

In 1896 Mr. Riddle was married to Miss Letitia Cloud, a native of Texas and a daughter of Isaac Cloud of Alabama. They have become parents of one daughter, Frances A., who has just completed five years of study in New York city. Mr. and Mrs. Riddle are members of the Presbyterian church and they occupy an enviable social position, the hospitality of the best homes of the city

being freely accorded them. Mr. Riddle withholds his aid and cooperation from no plan nor measure which he deems of value in the upbuilding of the community and commonwealth and he ranks high among those who have done much to uphold the legal and moral status of the state.

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### JOHN T. PERRY, M. D.

Dr. John T. Perry, junior partner in the firm of Perry & Perry, his associate being his brother, Dr. Marcus Lafayette Perry, was born in Greenwood, Arkansas, May 27, 1875, and when his public school course of study was over he entered the University of Arkansas and was graduated from the medical department with the class of 1906. He then located at Branch, Arkansas, where he engaged in general practice for seven years and on the expiration of that period established his home in Greenwood, where he became associated with his brother, Marcus L. Perry. In 1910 he went east for special work in the New York Polyclinic and on the completion of his studies there returned to Greenwood, Arkansas. He filled the position of county health officer in Sebastian county and was also local surgeon of the Midland Valley Railroad. During the World war he served as a member of the medical advisory board of Sebastian county. In September, 1919, he came to Tulsa, where he joined his brother, Dr. M. L. Perry, in general practice and the firm is recognized as a very strong one, the brothers presenting marked ability in their chosen life work.

There is, moreover, an added tie beyond that of brotherhood and of professional relations, for the two brothers married sisters. Dr. John T. Perry wedded Miss Lela Johnson, a daughter of Dr. James Johnson of Greenwood. Five children have been born of this marriage: Daniel L., who during the World war was at the Base Hospital at Corpus Christi, Texas, for one year was at West Point and is now pursuing a pre-medical course in Kendall College; Hugh is also a student in Kendall College and the younger sons of the family are Ralph, James Thomas and Fred. Mrs. Perry passed away in 1918. Since then Dr. Perry has wedded Miss Edith L. McCullough, a native of Arkansas and a daughter of William McCullough, a planter and merchant who has successfully carried on business at Micia, Arkansas. To Dr. Perry's second marriage has been born a daughter, Nancy Louise.

Like his brother, Dr. J. T. Perry belongs to all the various medical societies and keeps in touch with the trend of modern professional thought and progress. He belongs to the City Club and gives his political endorsement to the democratic party. He is a Mason, faithfully following the teachings and high purposes of the craft and his life is actuated by his religious faith, manifest in his membership in the Second Baptist church, of which he is a deacon.

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### COLONEL LAWRENCE KING CONE.

Colonel Lawrence King Cone, whose military title was won in connection with the World war and who for a considerable period figured prominently in the banking circles of Tulsa but disposed of his interests along that line in 1920, is now living retired. He was born in Lawrence, Kansas, April 21, 1869. His father, Titus K. Cone, served for nearly four years in the Civil war as a mem-

ber of the Fifth Kansas Cavalry. He was born in Delaware, Ohio, March 28, 1836, and passed away in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, February 25, 1904, when about sixty-eight years of age. His wife, who was born in Findlay, Ohio, November 29, 1843, is living with her son Lawrence in Tulsa.

In the common schools of Kearney, Nebraska, Lawrence K. Cone pursued his education and after his school days were over he entered the employ of E. N. Porterfield, city engineer of Kearney, Nebraska, and county surveyor of Buffalo county. Colonel Cone was at that time a youth of sixteen years. He performed willingly and carefully all the tasks assigned him and worked his way upward, becoming assistant to Mr. Porterfield and remaining in his service for a period of six years. In 1892 he removed to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to accept a position in the general office of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad Company. Again his fidelity and industry won him advancement and he was promoted from one position to another until finally he became chief traveling auditor. Later he went to Chicago, Illinois, in the same capacity for the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad. It was on the 11th of March, 1905, that he arrived in Tulsa and in association with G. R. McCullough and A. E. Bradshaw organized the Bank of Oklahoma in 1908. This institution was later nationalized and then purchased the First National Bank, the two being consolidated under the name of the First National. Colonel Cone became the active vice president thereof and took a most helpful part in formulating the policy and shaping the development of the institution, which became one of the strong banks of the southwest. He remained an important factor in its control and growth until 1920, when he sold his interests in the bank and retired.

On the 4th of December, 1890, Colonel Cone was married to Miss Edith Maud Aitken of Kearney, Nebraska, who passed away, survived by two children: The older daughter, Leona K., is now the wife of Stanley F. Hisey, while Bethel D. is now Mrs. Don G. Roy. On the 15th of January, 1910, Colonel Cone was married to Kate P. McGeorge of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and he has always studied the problems of the day to a point where he could support his position by intelligent argument but has never been an aspirant for public office. In 1909 he joined the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and in 1911 became treasurer thereof. He has long occupied a prominent position in both financial and social circles and is one of the highly esteemed residents of Tulsa.

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#### JOHN ALFRED ARNOLD.

John Alfred Arnold, one of Tulsa's efficient public accountants, was born in Chester, Pennsylvania, July 30, 1879, and is a son of H. Y. and Margaretta Gertrude (Logan) Arnold, who were also natives of the Keystone state. The mother was born at Little Washington, Pennsylvania. The father has throughout his life been active as an oil producer and refiner, and is now living retired at Tulsa. During the Civil war he served in defense of the Union, following the nation's starry banner on many a southern battle field. He has ever been a loyal adherent of Masonic teachings. To him and his wife have been born two children, the daughter being now Mrs. William Norris Long, living at Houston, Texas.

John Alfred Arnold pursued his education in the Friends Central school of Philadelphia, and early in life took up the profession of accounting. He has



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followed the business altogether for twelve years in Tulsa, having come to this city on the 7th of October, 1907. He is now the president of the John A. Arnold Company, accountants and auditors, with offices in the Mayo building. He has developed a high degree of skill in this field and his professional standing is enviable.

On the 12th of April, 1909, Mr. Arnold was married to Miss Ora Goodman, a native of Charleston, Illinois, and a daughter of William Goodman, one of the early residents of Tulsa. To Mr. and Mrs. Arnold have been born three children, Virginia Louise, eleven years of age; John Goodman, aged nine; and Isabelle Gertrude, four years.

Mr. Arnold has long been a staunch supporter of the republican party, giving his allegiance since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He belongs to the City Club and the Country Club of Tulsa, also to the Kiwanis Club, and is a Consistory Mason, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in Guthrie. The rules that govern his conduct are further indicated in the fact that he is a communicant of the Episcopal church, in which he is serving as vestryman and treasurer. His activities have ever had their root in worthy motives and high purposes and he has moved steadily forward to his objective, whether in the accomplishment of his business aim or in his efforts to assist in measures of public welfare.

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#### WALTER E. WRIGHT, M. D.

Dr. Walter E. Wright was for many years actively engaged in the practice of medicine, but is now giving his entire attention to the supervision of his invested interests. A native of Missouri, he was born in Springfield, August 19, 1882. His father, J. P. Wright, was born in Washington county, Kentucky, and became a resident of Missouri in 1880. He, too, is a physician who did real service to mankind through active practice for many years. He is now living retired in Springfield, enjoying the high regard, confidence and goodwill of all who know him. He is a Confederate veteran of the Civil war, is a member of the Masonic fraternity and a loyal follower of the teachings of the Baptist church. He married Emma Washington, who was born in Ohio, and they became parents of three children.

Reared in his native city Dr. Walter E. Wright pursued a public and high school education, while spending his youthful days under the parental roof, and later attended Drury College of Springfield, Missouri, from which he was graduated with the Bachelor of Science degree as a member of the class of 1901. He determined to engage in the practice of medicine, which was followed by all the members of his father's family, a number of whom became very prominent physicians. Accordingly he entered the University of Louisville, Kentucky, and won his M. D. degree with the class of 1906. During his student days he became a member of the Psi Chi, a medical fraternity. Not long afterwards he located in Tulsa for the general practice of medicine, but later specialized in pathological and X-ray work. In 1915 he built one of the largest pathological and X-ray laboratories in the southwest, which he personally conducted until his retirement from medical work in 1919. He carried his investigations far and wide into the realms of medical science and became a most capable and eminent physician of the southwest, being recognized as an authority on the line of his specialty. As the years passed, however, he made invest-

ments which proved very profitable, and at the present time he is confining his attention and efforts to the management of his property holdings. He owns one of the largest and finest office buildings in Tulsa. During the World war he became a captain of the Laboratory Division of the Medical Corps.

In 1910 Dr. Wright was married to Miss Katherine Grigsby, a native of Nelson county, Kentucky, and a daughter of Beverly P. Grigsby, one of the pioneers of that locality. Dr. and Mrs. Wright have two children: Beverly, four years of age, and Katherine Willis, who is two years old. Dr. Wright owns a farm three and a half miles south of Tulsa, on which he is engaged in raising saddle horses and Jersey cattle.

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#### PRESTON C. WEST.

Preston C. West, a brilliant but most unpretentious member of the Tulsa bar, practicing as senior partner in the firm of West, Sherman, Davidson & Moore, was born in Rodney, Mississippi, August 19, 1868. His father, Preston C. West, was born in Georgetown, Kentucky, and lived for many years in Arkansas, practicing the profession of medicine and surgery at La Grange. He became a member of the Confederate army during the Civil war and for a time was held as a prisoner of war. He married Winifred Wilcox, who was born in Louisville, Kentucky, and they became the parents of three children, two of whom are living: Preston C. and Gustavus W., the latter of Muskogee, Oklahoma. The father died in La Grange, Arkansas, November 21, 1880.

Preston C. West pursued his education as a student in the Southwestern Presbyterian University at Clarksville, Tennessee, from which he was graduated in 1888. Having thus laid, in his literary training, a broad and deep foundation upon which to build the superstructure of professional knowledge, he entered the University of Virginia as a law student but by reason of the unexpected death of his father did not attain his LL. B. degree though he had practically completed the law course before leaving the university. In July, 1890, he was admitted to the bar upon examination before the supreme court of Arkansas and practiced at Fort Smith, Arkansas, until June, 1897. In that year he took up his abode in Muskogee, where he opened an office, continuing in practice there for sixteen years or until 1913, when he was appointed assistant attorney general of the United States by President Wilson and went to Washington, D. C. There he continued until July 1, 1914, after which he was solicitor for the interior department, resigning that position in February, 1916, at which date he came to Tulsa and has since been identified with the firm of West, Sherman, Davidson & Moore. This is a firm of able lawyers, occupying a commanding position at the Tulsa bar.

On the 20th of October, 1897, Mr. West was married to Miss Bessie Douglas Shelby of Fort Smith, Arkansas, a daughter of Winchester B. Shelby of Brandon, Mississippi. They have a foster daughter, Mrs. William S. Cochran of Tulsa, and the children of their marriage are: Gustavus W., a cadet at the West Point Military Academy; and Winifred, thirteen years of age, who is attending the Eastman School in Washington. Mrs. West is very prominent in club and social circles of Tulsa and is an active worker in the Red Cross and the Anti-Tuberculosis Association. She organized all Red Cross hospitals, etc., in Tulsa county during the World war. Mr. West belongs to the University Club, to the Country Club and the Colonnade Club of the University



of Virginia and the University Club of Washington, D. C. Fraternally he is a Mason, having membership in Muskogee Lodge, No. 28, A. F. & A. M. and he belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and to the Sigma Alpha Epsilon, a college fraternity. In the line of his profession he is a member of the Tulsa County Bar Association, the Oklahoma State Bar Association and the American Bar Association and is president of the State Bar Association. He belongs to the Episcopal church, and for recreation and diversion he turns to fishing. Modest in demeanor, he is nevertheless recognized as a deep student and a representative member of the bar, honored by his colleagues and contemporaries in the profession by reason of his comprehensive knowledge of the law and his close conformity to the highest ethical standards of the profession.

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### WILLIAM ANDREW HAYES.

William Andrew Hayes, an oil and asphalt producer who came to Tulsa in 1918, was born in Newburyport, Massachusetts, December 26, 1870, his parents being Winfield Scott and Catherine (Hill) Hayes, natives of York county, Maine, and of Canada, respectively.

Mr. Hayes obtained his education in the public schools of Massachusetts and also pursued special courses of study under private tutors. Later he attended lectures at Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. At fifteen, however, he began to provide for his own support as a railroad telegraph operator. He continued with the railroad company for about eight years, advancing from one position to another until at twenty-three he held an important official position at Boston. Laudable ambition prompted his preparation for more lucrative work and he took up special lines of study in English, civics, economics and belles-lettres. He then turned his attention to journalism and for some time was connected with newspapers and magazines in Boston and New York. At the outbreak of the Spanish-American war he enlisted in the First New York Volunteer Cavalry and served throughout the war with active service in Porto Rico. He was correspondent for a syndicate of New England papers and as such, he traveled over the United States, Alaska and Porto Rico, as a feature and special writer and was thus engaged until 1918, when he came to Tulsa, and has since been operating as an oil and asphalt producer. He is now the president of the Bunker Hill Oil Producing Company, the president of the International Asphalt Paint Manufacturing Company, which has a plant at Ardmore, and treasurer of the Polish-American Natural Asphalt Company, with a plant at Woodford, Oklahoma. He is also operating in the oil fields of Kansas and Louisiana and his business affairs have thus constantly broadened in scope and importance.

Mr. Hayes was married to Miss Julia Wilkins, a daughter of Major Grant Wilkins, deceased, who was a member of the Signal Corps of the Confederate army during the Civil war and also a blockade runner. By profession he was an architect and structural engineer, engaged in business in Atlanta. Mr. and Mrs. Hayes have two children: Grant W. and Catherine. Mrs. Hayes lives in the east, with a country place in Connecticut and a city home in New York.

Mr. Hayes has membership in Delta Lodge, No. 425, A. F. & A. M., also in the Consistory, the Mystic Shrine, Saba Grotto and the Elks. He is a member of the Unitarian church and his cooperation is always freely given to

any plan or project looking to the welfare and benefit of the community and the public at large. During his residence in the east he was a member of prominent clubs of Boston and New York.

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#### PERCY ALEXANDER BURHANS, D. D. S.

The dental profession in Tulsa has many well equipped and thoroughly trained representatives who are qualified to do the most important work of this character and among the number is classed Dr. Percy Alexander Burhans, who was born in Lowell, Indiana, December 24, 1879. His parents, Alexander B. and Delia (Gregg) Burhans, were natives of the state of New York and in 1860 removed to Indiana, where Mr. Burhans engaged in farming, but he died when he was a young man of about thirty-five years. Dr. Burhans afterward was adopted by his father's brother, J. A. Burhans, an attorney of Chicago, and attended the public schools of Hyde Park and also the manual training school. His professional education was acquired in the dental department of Northwestern University, which conferred upon him the D. D. S. degree in 1901. The same year he located for practice at Leedey, Oklahoma, where he continued until 1905 and then removed to Shawnee, Oklahoma. In the following year he became a resident of Geary and in 1908 took up his abode in Oklahoma City. In 1909 he came to Tulsa, where he has since engaged in general dental practice, and his efficiency has been promoted through postgraduate work in the Northwestern University of Chicago. He has membership in the Tulsa, Oklahoma State, Northern District and National Dental Societies.

In 1905 Dr. Burhans was married to Miss Adrienne McDonald, a daughter of J. H. McDonald, who for many years was city comptroller of Springfield, Illinois, and bank and state B. & L. A. examiner. Two children have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Burhans: James A. and Mildred Ruth. Dr. and Mrs. Burhans have gained many friends during the period of their residence in Tulsa, covering twelve years, and enjoy the hospitality of many of the best homes of the city.

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#### ORRA E. UPP.

Orra E. Upp, of the Jansen-Upp-Meyer Manufacturing Company, manufacturing hotel and cafe equipment in Tulsa, and prominent in city building enterprises whereby the development and welfare of the city have been greatly promoted, comes to the southwest from Illinois, his birth having occurred on a farm in Knox county, December 4, 1873. His parents were Winfield Scott and Eva (Beach) Upp, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Illinois. The father engaged in farming in Illinois until 1876, when he removed to Kansas, residing there for a year, at the end of which time he returned to Illinois but again went to Kansas in 1885, settling at Arkansas City, where he engaged in general merchandising. He afterward removed to Purcell, Oklahoma, and opened the first store there with the building of the Santa Fe Railroad. He has long been actively associated with pioneer development on the western frontier and has made valuable contribution to the progress and improvement of the sections in which he has lived. In 1906 he came to Tulsa, where he entered the wholesale grocery business as a partner in the Britton-Upp Grocery Company,



ORRA E. UPP



having the second wholesale grocery house of the city. For a considerable period he was on the road as a traveling salesman but is now concentrating his efforts and attention more largely upon office management and executive control. He is a member of all the Masonic bodies and is a faithful follower of the teachings of the craft.

Orra E. Upp was largely educated at Arkansas City and after completing his high school studies pursued a business course. When twenty years of age he began farming at Lexington, Oklahoma, where he had a fine herd of Poland China hogs, his herd being the best in the vicinity. He also planted the first alfalfa ever grown in Oklahoma territory, bringing the seed from Colorado. In 1896 he established a grocery store at Lexington, called the Diamond Front Grocery, which constituted the foundation of the wholesale grocery establishment of O. E. Upp & Company at Purcell. In 1907 he came to Tulsa, where he was associated with the Britton-Upp Grocery Company, wholesale dealers, until 1909, when, together with his father Winfield S. Upp, he withdrew from the Britton Upp Grocery Company and organized the Upp Grocery Company, wholesale grocers, of which firm Winfield S. Upp became president; O. E. Upp, vice president and general manager; and A. J. Rudd, secretary and treasurer. The business, by his wise management, increased very rapidly and the firm had salesmen all over the Tulsa trade territory. "Diamond U." and "Dog-on-good," were copyrighted trademarks, both carried through the entire line of groceries, consisting of a full line of food stuffs, condiments, teas and coffee.

During the war period Mr. Upp was appointed food commissioner for Tulsa county and he also acted as county chairman of the War Stamp committee. He took an active and helpful part in all war work, doing everything in his power to uphold the interests of the federal government and advance the welfare of the soldiers in camp and field. In 1918 he became one of the organizers of the Tulsa Warehouse Company, having the largest warehouse in Oklahoma—a fireproof concrete structure, with one hundred thousand square feet of floor space. Of this company he is the president. He also organized the Jansen-Upp-Meyer Manufacturing Company, wholesale jobbers, manufacturers of and manufacturers' agents for all kinds of hotel and cafe equipment. This is the only concern of the kind in the state and of this Mr. Upp is also the president. He was likewise one of the organizers and directors of the United Building & Loan Association. The interests with which he is allied are of an extensive and important character and have won him place among Tulsa's upbuilders and promoters. He is likewise chairman of the campaign field staff which is promoting a city-wide enabling campaign in connection with the holding of an exposition, in which connection he said: "No other project can compare with a permanent exposition in general benefits to the city."

These are but some of the phases of Mr. Upp's activity. Aside from enterprises directly established for the purpose of legitimately winning wealth he is identified with many concerns in connection with which the public is the direct beneficiary. He is serving on the board of directors of the Young Men's Christian Association and also of the Boys' Home. He was largely instrumental in promoting St. John's Hospital and there is no phase of real public service which seeks his aid in vain. He was a director for three years of the Rotary Club and has been the vice president and chairman of the board of directors. He also belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and cooperates heartily in all of the plans and projects of that organization for Tulsa's upbuilding and benefit. He is a member of the City Club, while along fraternal lines he has connection with Tulsa Lodge, No. 71, A. F. & A. M., and he is past master of Lexington Lodge,

No. 11, Lexington, Oklahoma. He likewise belongs to the Royal Arch chapter, to the consistory at Guthrie and to Akdar Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He has membership with the Elks Lodge, No. 946, and he gives his political endorsement to the republican party. He is a most earnest and active member of the First Baptist church and from 1915 until 1921 has served as chairman of its board of directors and is a most active worker in the men's Bible class.

In 1895, Mr. Upp was married in Lexington, Oklahoma, to Miss Lucy Harness, a daughter of W. T. Harness, who was the owner of the first fruit farm in Oklahoma, near Lexington, this being a model farm of Cleveland county. He came in with the "run" and through the intervening period has developed his agricultural and horticultural interests. He had eighty acres planted to apples, ten acres planted to peaches and five acres to grapes, and in addition he cultivated and improved farm land in the production of various crops and was regarded an authority on fruit culture in his part of the state. He was well known as a supporter of democratic principles. Mrs. O. E. Upp died March 30, 1920, and is survived by four of their eight children: Edith Scott, Harness, Jewell and Jesse. Mr. Upp served as a member of the school board for several years and has always been interested in the cause of education, regarding it as one of the nation's bulwarks. A spirit of progressiveness has actuated him at every point in his career and his keen insight and indefatigable energy have made him a dynamic force in the city's development and upbuilding along material, intellectual, social, civic and moral lines.

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#### NICEUS WALKER MAYGINNES, M. D.

The birthplace of Dr. Niceus Walker Mayginnes, a physician and surgeon of Tulsa, was on a farm in Henry county, Missouri, and his natal day was April 29, 1856. His parents were Samuel and Mary (Stewart) Mayginnes, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio, respectively. In young manhood the father became a resident of Henry county, Missouri, and at the outbreak of the Civil war was compelled to leave the state because of his sympathies for the Union cause. He then went to Olathe, Kansas, where he organized and became captain of a company of the Thirteenth Kansas Cavalry and with that command he was on active duty with the Union army until the close of hostilities. In 1868 he returned to Henry county, Missouri, but in 1869 removed to Mound Valley, Labette county, Kansas, where he engaged in farming very successfully. He not only won prosperity through the careful management of his agricultural interests, but was also active in public affairs and filled various local offices. In fact he was regarded as one of the leading men of his community and did not a little to influence public thought and opinions. He belonged to the Universalist church and brought up his family to observe and respect the Sabbath. To him and his wife were born eight children, a daughter and seven sons, of whom Dr. Mayginnes is the fourth in order of birth, while the youngest of the family is Dr. P. H. Mayginnes, practicing with his brother in Tulsa. The father departed this life in Mound Valley, April 27, 1900.

Dr. Mayginnes obtained a common school education while spending his youthful days on the home farm, during which time he worked in the fields through the summer months and attended school in the winter season. He afterward entered the University Medical College of Kansas City and was there graduated in 1884 with the M. D. degree. For a year thereafter he engaged

in practice at Mound Valley and then went to Atlanta, Kansas, where he resided for six years, giving his attention to his professional duties. In 1891 he removed to Stillwater, Oklahoma, and was not only engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery, but also became prominently identified with political interests and civic affairs. He was likewise one of the organizers and the vice president of the First National Bank of that place and also aided in organizing the State Bank at Ripley. He became a representative of the public health service and his labors along many lines contributed in substantial measure to the growth, development and progress of the community in which he lived. In 1902 he went to Boulder, Colorado, and spent a year in recreation there.

It was in 1903 that Dr. Mayginnes came to Tulsa as one of the pioneer physicians of this city and in 1904-5 he served by appointment as a member of the board of medical examiners of Indian Territory. He likewise became one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Tulsa and for five years served as vice president of the institution. He was very active in the Commercial Club and did everything in his power to assist that organization in the development of the city, in the extension of its trade relations and in the promotion of high municipal standards. He took a helpful interest in educational affairs and was a member of the school board for more than ten years. He also became the vice president and one of the directors of the Liberty National Bank, which he aided in organizing and in various ways he assisted in laying broad and deep the foundation upon which has been built the present progress and prosperity of the city. Throughout the intervening years, too, he has continued successfully in the practice of medicine and surgery and has held various offices, including that of president, in the Tulsa Medical Society. He became one of the organizers and charter members of the Oklahoma State Medical Association and is a member of the American Medical Association. He was chairman of the medical advisory board during the World war and the district covered by the board to which he belonged was the largest in the United States.

Dr. Mayginnes was married at Mound Valley, Kansas, to Miss Flora Augusta Hall, a daughter of William and Sarah Jane Hall, the former for twenty-five years a Methodist minister of New York. It was after his death that the family came to the west, settling in Mound Valley.

Dr. and Mrs. Mayginnes have become the parents of four children, to whom they have given good educational opportunities. In order of birth these are: Alpha Leona, who is a graduate of Baker University of Baldwin, Kansas, and is now the wife of Dalton Lane, who is with the Howard-Duffield Oil Company of Tulsa. Mr. and Mrs. Lane have six children: Arthur Hall, the second of the Mayginnes family, is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma, which conferred upon him the LL. B. degree and he is, now attorney and certified public accountant with the Morgay Oil Company of Tulsa. He is married and has two children; Maryelva, a graduate of a girls school of Chicago, is the wife of Charles S. Bledsoe, an oil accountant of Tulsa, and they have one daughter, Betty; Helen Jeanette, who completes the family, is yet in school.

Dr. and Mrs. Mayginnes are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church, which he aided in organizing. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and at all times he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, but has never been an aspirant for office. In many ways, however, he has displayed his progressiveness and his public-spirited citizenship. His efforts being at all times an element in the city's growth, progress and improvement and today he is numbered among the honored and valued residents of Tulsa. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Tulsa

Lodge, No. 71, A. F. & A. M.; Chapter No. 52, R. A. M.; and Trinity Commandery, No. 20, K. T. He is likewise a member of the City Club, the Tulsa Automobile Club and the Chamber of Commerce.

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### JAMES B. ROBINSON.

James B. Robinson, tank gauging engineer, who finds a profitable field of labor in Tulsa and the surrounding country, was born in St. Petersburg, Pennsylvania, December 2, 1879, his parents being James and Sarah (Creech) Robinson, who had a family of eleven children, nine of whom are living. The father was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, and in his childhood days came with his parents to the new world, the family home being established in Brooklyn, New York. He afterwards removed to Bradford, Pennsylvania, at an early day and continued a resident of the Keystone state until called to his final rest. The nature and interest of his activities outside of business were indicated in his connection with the Presbyterian church, the republican party and the Masonic fraternity. He stood loyally for whatever he believed to be of benefit to the community and when he passed away in 1898 his demise was the occasion of deep and widespread regret.

James B. Robinson, having attended the public and high schools of Bradford, Pennsylvania, continued his education in the practical school of experience by becoming connected with the National Transit Company, which he represented at Bradford, Pennsylvania, and with the Buckeye Pipe Line Company at Lima, Ohio. At Independence, Kansas, from 1904 he was associated with the Prairie Oil & Gas Company and in 1913 he came to Tulsa, where he has since operated in the oil fields. He is well known as a tank gauging engineer, with offices in the Exchange National Bank building. Both he and his brother Clarke, who is also an oil producer, are expert gaugers of pipe line runs. They do this work for the big oil corporations all over the United States and Mexico and have won a well merited reputation for expert ability in their chosen field.

In 1903 James B. Robinson was married to Miss Irene McCoy, of Lima, Ohio, who passed away January 11, 1919. Their daughter Jane, sixteen years of age, is now a pupil in Mrs. Somer's school at Washington, D. C. Mr. Robinson is a Mason, belonging to Lima Lodge, No. 205, A. F. & A. M., and his life is further governed by the teachings of the Episcopal church, in which he formerly served as vestryman. He has social connections with the Petroleum Club, and the Country Club, and he is well known in these organizations, his genial nature and his kindly disposition winning for him popularity and the enduring friendship of many with whom he comes into contact.

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### GEORGE R. OSBORN, M. D.

Dr. George R. Osborn, a member of the medical profession in Tulsa, making a specialty in his practice of obstetrics and gynecology, was born in Perry, Iowa, February 17, 1875, his parents being Jonathan W. and Eliza Osborn, both of whom are natives of Laporte county, Indiana, and now reside in Hanna, Indiana, the father having put aside the active work of the farm, so that he is living retired. Some years ago he removed to Iowa, where for a long period





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he profitably carried on agricultural pursuits and then returned to Laporte county, taking up his abode in Hanna. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and also of the Methodist Episcopal church. To him and his wife have been born eight children and theirs is a notable record, inasmuch as the family circle remains unbroken by the hand of death.

Dr. Osborn was educated in the public schools, passing through consecutive grades until he completed a high school course, and later spent a term as a student in the Valparaiso (Ind.) University. He then entered the University of Illinois as a medical student and won his professional degree upon graduation with the class of 1906. He practiced in Laporte, Indiana, from June, 1906, until January 6, 1918, when he was called to service in the United States army. While a representative of the profession in Laporte he became a member of the Laporte County Medical Society, the Indiana State Medical Association and the American Medical Association. He joined the army in response to the country's need for medical officers in the World war and was stationed for a time at Fort Riley, after which he went overseas to France. Dr. Osborn entered the service with the rank of captain and was later promoted to the rank of major. He saw fourteen months' active service in the hospitals of Paris and other parts of France, being in the American Red Cross Military Hospital, No. 8, and also in Military Hospital, No. 3, his attention being devoted to surgical work. After the signing of the armistice he spent four months as a student in the University of Paris School of Medicine and on the 28th of July, 1919, returned to the United States, receiving his discharge on the 13th of August following. He then came to Tulsa and through the intervening period his practice has steadily increased in volume and importance. While he has been a resident here for a comparatively brief period, his ability has made him one of the leaders of the profession and he is now successfully practicing, especially as a gynecologist and obstetrician. He belongs to the Tulsa County, Oklahoma State and American Medical Associations. In 1921 he was elected to fellowship in the American College of Surgeons.

In 1895 Dr. Osborn was married to Miss Della Bunnell of Laporte, Indiana, and they became the parents of two children, Barbara and John A., aged respectively fourteen and seven years. Dr. Osborn belongs to the Kiwanis Club of Tulsa and he is a Mason, having membership in the lodge at Laporte, Indiana. He is also identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has filled most of the chairs. While residing in Laporte he served as coroner for two terms and was county health commissioner for four years, but has never sought office outside the strict path of his profession. He belongs to the Christian church and the sterling worth of his character is attested by all who know him.

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#### S. MILLER WILLIAMS, JR.

S. Miller Williams, Jr., one of the prominent engineering contractors of Tulsa, who has been identified with many large and important building projects, was born in Louisville, Kentucky, July 3, 1887. His father, S. Miller Williams, Sr., was born in South Carolina and became a civil engineer, successfully following his profession for many years, but is now living retired in Fort Smith, Arkansas. In early manhood he wedded Jane Pettigrew, who was born in North Carolina, and they became the parents of four children.

S. Miller Williams, Jr., attended the public schools of his native state and afterward became a student in the Central high school of Kansas City, Missouri. Later he qualified for work along building lines and became a railroad contractor and also took up bridge work and engineering. His activities have steadily increased in extent and importance and in 1916 he came to Tulsa, where he organized the firm of Williams Brothers, his associate in the undertaking being David R. Williams. They have offices in the Kennedy building and are contractors for big construction work. They have been notably successful and from various parts of the country they have received important contracts for rig building for the construction of municipal works, water works and other public utilities. The brothers are familiar with every practical phase and detail of the business and also with the great underlying scientific principles of their work and are capable of handling most extensive projects of this character.

In 1915 Mr. Williams was united in marriage to Miss Katherine Barnes of Fort Smith, Arkansas, a daughter of Thomas H. Barnes, who was United States district attorney for the Western District of Arkansas. Mr. Williams belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is also a member of the Oil and Gas Association and his appreciation of the social amenities of life is indicated in his connection with the Automobile Club and with the Country Club, the latter a golf organization. There has been maintained in his career that even balance which comes from an adequate time given to recreation as well as to business. He has never allowed the one or the other to monopolize his interest and his forcefulness and his resourcefulness are recognized by all with whom he comes into contact.

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### JAMES MARION CHANDLER.

Every line of commercial and industrial activity has its representatives in Tulsa and the united efforts of the business men of the city have led to the rapid development and upbuilding of a great metropolitan center, which within the present century has grown more than seventy-two fold. James Marion Chandler is identified with the business interests of the city as a member of the Price Sand Company. His life story had its beginning in Marshall county, Tennessee, where his birth occurred December 22, 1873. His parents, John W. and Nancy (Allison) Chandler, were also natives of that county and in young manhood the father became a Methodist minister attached to the Nashville (Tenn.) circuit. He enlisted in the Civil war, becoming a captain of infantry in command of a company raised in Wilson county, Tennessee. He was active in the ministry and was also a practicing physician. He died at Green Brier, Robertson county, Tennessee, July 4, 1888.

James Marion Chandler spent his boyhood days on the home farm near Nashville, Tennessee, and acquired a public school education there. When a youth of fifteen he began clerking in a confectionery store in Nashville, where he was employed for four years and later he occupied a clerkship in a mercantile brokerage establishment in the same city for two years. He next spent three years at Hillsboro and at Greenville, Texas, conducting a brokerage business, handling groceries and specializing in feed and flour. He afterward turned his attention to railroad interests, becoming a clerk in the superintendent's office of the Cotton Belt line at Tyler, Texas, his identification with that rail-

road covering four and a half years, during which time he won steady promotion and at the time of leaving the Cotton Belt was chief clerk to the superintendent. He was afterward with the Frisco Railroad at Fort Worth, Texas, and served as chief clerk, as car accountant, as train master and as superintendent through the period from 1902 until 1916. He then left the Frisco road and removed to Tulsa, where he is now secretary and treasurer of the Price Sand Company, president of the O. K. Sand Company and president of the Glazed Cement Pipe Company. His business interests are thus constantly developing and expanding and he has gained a creditable position in the commercial circles of his adopted city.

Mr. Chandler was married at Nashville, Tennessee, to Miss Daisy Williamson, a daughter of George Williamson, who in early life was a farmer and afterward became proprietor of a sawmill. Three children have been born of this marriage: Claude W., a department store manager at Trinidad, Colorado, and Annelle and Eloise, who are at home. The religious faith of the parents is that of the Presbyterian church and Mr. Chandler is well known in Masonic circles, belonging to Petroleum Lodge, No. 474, A. F. & A. M.; Tulsa Chapter, No. 52, R. A. M.; Trinity Commandery, K. T.; and Oklahoma Consistory, No. 1, A. A. S. R., of Guthrie. He is likewise identified with Akdar Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Tulsa. He has membership in the Rotary Club and the City Club and is watchful of all those interests which point toward upbuilding and progress for the town as well as those which point to individual success. He has made good use of his time and opportunities as the years have passed and step by step he has advanced, each forward step bringing him a broader outlook and more important business connections.

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#### MARCUS LAFAYETTE PERRY, M. D.

Dr. Marcus Lafayette Perry, engaged in general practice in Tulsa as senior partner in the firm of Perry & Perry, was born near Troy, Alabama, June 25, 1870, his parents being John H. and Elizabeth (Rowe) Perry, both of whom were natives of Alabama, where the father followed the occupation of farming till January 1, 1872. He then removed to Arkansas and died in Sebastian county, that state, in 1876. He was a Baptist in his religious faith and a democrat in his political views.

Dr. Perry, whose name introduces this review, spent his youth as a farmer boy, working in the fields and attending the district schools, but at length determined to follow some other pursuit and turned to the study of medicine. He was admitted to practice in the Indian Territory and in Arkansas and it was after he was married and had a family that he entered the University of Arkansas at Little Rock as a medical student, being there graduated with the class of 1906. In 1911 he took up further study in the Post Graduate Hospital of Chicago, specializing in the treatment of diseases of women and children. For a time he practiced in Greenwood, Arkansas, in connection with his brother and in 1915 removed to Tulsa, where he has remained. His ability is attested by the liberal practice here accorded him and his success is most gratifying.

Dr. M. L. Perry was married to Miss Anna B. Johnson, a native of Arkansas, and a daughter of Dr. James E. Johnson, a physician of Greenwood, Arkansas. Dr. and Mrs. Perry have become parents of four sons: John Claude, who was in the Base Hospital at Atlanta, Georgia, during the World war and

is now in the medical department of the University of Oklahoma; James Sidney, who is pursuing a pre-medical course in the Tulsa College; Marcus Lane, who is studying for the ministry in Tulsa College; and Bruce, who completes the family. The parents are members of Emanuel Baptist church and Dr. Perry is a faithful follower of Masonic teachings, belonging to Tulsa Lodge, No. 71, A. F. & A. M., and to Oklahoma Consistory, No. 1, at Guthrie. He is likewise a member of the Mystic Shrine and belongs to the Automobile Club, while along strictly professional lines he is connected with the Tulsa County, Oklahoma State and American Medical Associations. The firm of Perry & Perry occupies a prominent position in professional circles and the interests of the two brothers have been closely associated for many years.

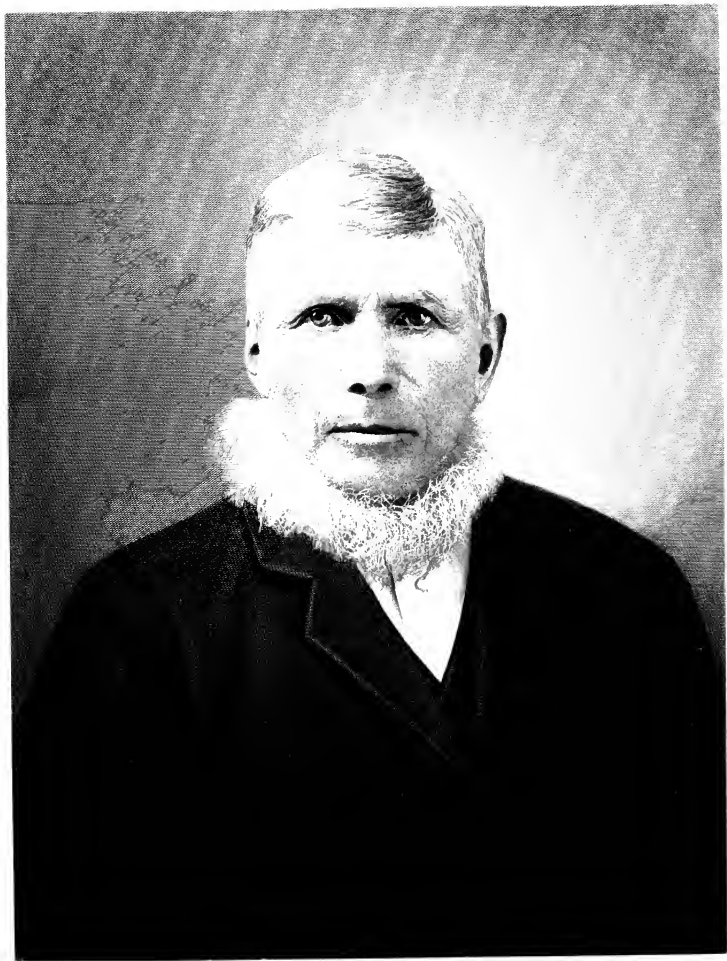
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### EDWARD J. BRENNAN.

The specific and distinctive office of biography is not to give voice to a man's modest estimate of himself and his accomplishments but rather to leave a perpetual record establishing his character by the consensus of opinion on the part of his fellowmen. Throughout Tulsa, Edward J. Brennan is spoken of in terms of admiration and respect. His life has been so varied in its activities, so honorable in its purposes, so far-reaching and beneficial in its effect that it has become an integral part of the history of the city and has left an impress upon the annals of the state. In no sense a man in public life, Mr. Brennan has nevertheless exerted an immeasurable influence on the city of his residence through his business activity, which has been wisely directed along lines contributing to general progress and improvement, while at all times he stands for those forces which make for the uplift of the individual and the betterment of the community along the lines of civic progress. Moreover, he has been most active in those departments which ameliorate hard conditions of life for the unfortunate, for he is a man of most benevolent spirit and of great liberality. In business circles he is rated as a real estate dealer and an oil producer.

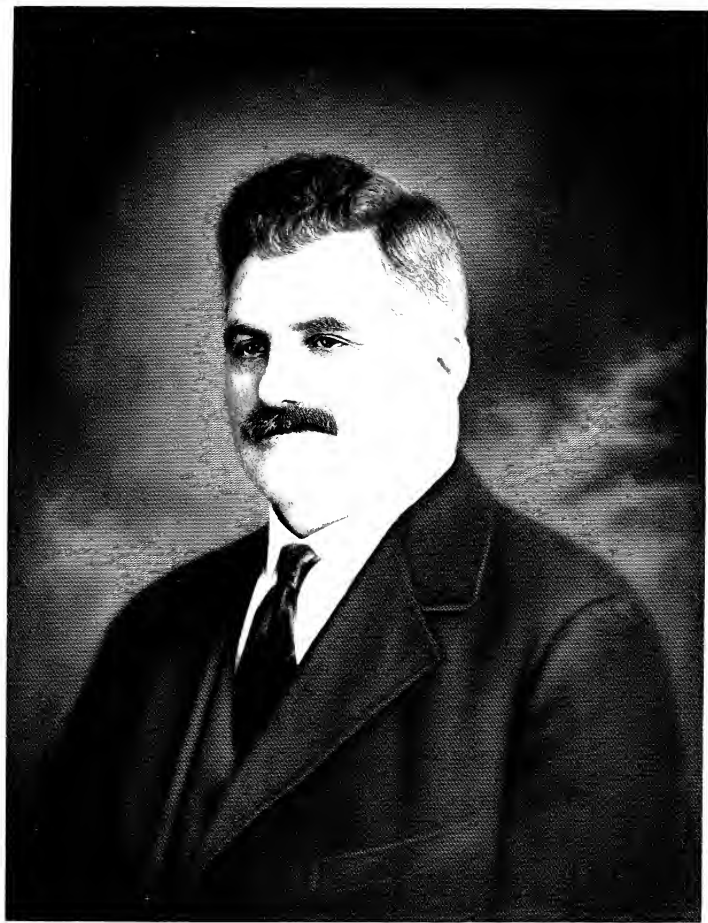
Mr. Brennan was born in Lewis county, New York, March 20, 1867, and is a son of Edward J. and Ann (McDermott) Brennan, both of whom were natives of Ireland, the former born in Waterford and the latter in Queens-town. The father was educated in a Catholic college at Waterford, Ireland. They came to America when young people, the father crossing the Atlantic when about twenty-five years of age, while the mother was younger. Edward J. Brennan, Sr., settled first in Canada, where he remained for a few years, following civil engineering there. In the '50s he came to the United States and settled on a homestead near the city of Rochester, cultivating his land there as a general farmer and also carrying on stock raising. About 1860 he removed to Lewis county, New York, where he purchased and improved a farm, devoting his attention to its further development and operation until 1900, when he retired and removed to Watertown, New York. His life was one of intense and well directed activity and his success was the direct result and reward of his earnest, persistent and honorable labor. Step by step he advanced as the years passed until in later life he was enabled to put aside business cares. After residing for some time in Watertown, New York, he removed to Tulsa in 1908, in order to be near his children: Philip H., Joseph H., Mrs. D. O. McCormick, who died April 9, 1921, Mrs. George Harmon, Edward J., Mrs. Fred Wheeler, and Mrs. Thomas Murphy. In Tulsa the father continued to make his home





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until his death, which occurred on the 19th of March, 1920, when he had reached the remarkable age of one hundred and two years. His wife passed away in 1912. Mr. Brennan was never very active in politics in this country, although much interested in politics when a resident of Ireland. To him and his wife were born fourteen children, ten of whom are living. Besides those living in Tulsa are: Charles H., who is in the coal business in Pennsylvania; Mrs. M. W. Corcoran of San Mateo, California; Mrs. Leon Wood of Copenhagen, New York; and Mrs. Dennis Carrol of Barnes Corners, New York. This worthy couple endeavored to inculcate high principles into the minds of their sons and daughters and reared a family who have indeed been a credit to their teachings. Both Mr. and Mrs. Brennan were consistent members of the Catholic church and their sterling worth of character gained for them the highest respect, confidence and goodwill of all who knew them.

Edward J. Brennan, whose name introduces this record, was reared and educated in Lewis county, New York. He there attended the district schools and remained at home until he reached the age of seventeen years, when he started out to provide for his own support. Since then he has depended entirely upon his own resources and is truly a self-made man. He went first to Ridgeway, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in the jewelry business for three years. He next turned his attention to the gas and oil business and later accepted a position as manager of a large gas company, continuing to act in that capacity until 1908, when he removed to Tulsa that he might more actively engage in the oil business in this rich field. He was very successful in Pennsylvania, however, and still owns oil stock there which pays big dividends.

On coming to Tulsa Mr. Brennan became actively identified with oil interests here and has drilled many wells in Oklahoma. He is now drilling wells at Wagoner, this state, and has become prominently known as owner of oil properties and as an oil producer. Mr. Brennan has studied the business from every possible standpoint and his investments have therefore been most judiciously made. Into other fields he has also extended his efforts. Seeing the great possibilities in the growth and advancement of Tulsa, Mr. Brennan in 1909 engaged in the real estate business, purchasing forty acres of what is now one of the best residential sections of the city. He platted this and sold it off in city lots. The purchase was made at two dollars and seventy-five cents a front foot and today the property is worth seventy dollars per front foot. The section is known as Morningside and here in 1910 Mr. Brennan erected a fine modern residence at 1601 Newport avenue, where he has since resided. Mr. Brennan has also built and sold a good many residences in Tulsa. He also owns four hundred acres adjoining the city of Tulsa which he intends to plat. In 1914 he platted the Swan Park addition to the city of Tulsa and in 1910 he platted the Brennan & Reed addition to the city of Tulsa. One of the most prominent business men of the city said that Mr. Brennan has done as much for Tulsa as any other one individual on account of his sound business judgment in real estate matters. His advice in this particular is often sought by prominent men of the city. He has displayed equal insight in connection with the oil business, with which he has been identified since 1892. It was by reason of his farsightedness as to the future of the oil industry that he located in Tulsa and in all of his undertakings he has been very successful. His knowledge of the oil and gas business and of the area of the productive belt in the mid-continent field prompted his heavy investment in property adjacent to Tulsa, figuring it would be the New York of the southwest in the oil industry. He thinks that on account of the number of productive sands on

the mid-continent field they will be drilling wells here one hundred years from now.

On the 7th of February, 1904, Mr. Brennan was united in marriage to Miss Jane F. McCauley, a daughter of Hughie and Mary (McDonald) McCauley, the former a native of Ireland and the latter a native of England, pioneers of Pennsylvania. Her father died in December, 1917, aged seventy, in Pittsburgh, and the mother now makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Brennan, who have become the parents of five children: Paul, who is attending the Benedictine school of Atchison, Kansas; Kathleen, who is pursuing her studies in Ursuline Academy, in Paola, Kansas; Edward, better known as Ned, the baseball fan of the family, a pupil in the Sacred Heart school of Tulsa; Leo, also attending the Sacred Heart school; and Jane, four years of age. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic church and Mr. Brennan is identified with the Knights of Columbus, while his political allegiance is given to the democratic party. He is a most earnest worker and supporter of the church and has devoted much time thereto, while his contributions to Catholic schools and churches have been most liberal. He donated twenty acres of valuable land for the building of Sacred Heart College and Academy conducted by the Benedictine Sisters in Tulsa and wherever he can extend a helping hand to a fellow traveler on life's journey he does not hesitate to do so. He possesses untiring energy, is quick of perception, forms his plans readily and is determined in their execution, and his close application to business and his excellent management have brought to him the high degree of prosperity which is today his. Moreover, it has been so worthily won and so honorably used that the most envious cannot grudge him his success.

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#### CHARLES ALOYSIUS DILLON, M. D.

Dr. Charles Aloysius Dillon, who in his practice in Tulsa is largely confining his attention to internal medicine, was born at Chicora in the oil fields of Pennsylvania, September 11, 1878, his parents being Daniel Joseph and Margaret (Kelley) Dillon, the former a native of Philadelphia, while the mother was born in North Oakland, Pennsylvania. In early life the father engaged in the meat business in the Keystone state, but followed the trend of development in the oil fields and became a resident of Bolivar, New York. He was quite successful in whatever he undertook and became a man of prominence in the community in which he lived. His religious faith was that of the Catholic church and his political support was given to the democratic party, while in civic affairs in his community he was an influential factor.

Dr. Dillon, of this review, after obtaining a common and high school education at Bolivar, New York, spent three years as a student in Duquesne College and then went abroad, traveling over Europe for a year. A modern philosopher has said that a year's foreign travel is equal to a four-year college course, and in this manner Dr. Dillon greatly broadened his knowledge and added to his experience. Upon his return to his native land he entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1910 and during his college days he became a member of the Phi Beta Pi, connected with the Alpha Theta Chapter. For eighteen months he was an interne in the Philadelphia General Hospital known as Blockely Hospital and also assistant chief physician in the Contagious Diseases Hospital of Philadelphia. He entered

upon the private practice of his profession in Etna, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Pittsburgh, and in 1917 he took postgraduate work in the Lying-in-Hospital of New York, specializing in the study of obstetrics and internal medicine. In the fall of 1917 he went to Tulsa, where he has since practiced and has made a specialty of internal medicine. In 1919 he was a postgraduate student at Harvard on internal medicine and likewise did special work in physical diagnosis and laboratory diagnosis in Boston. In 1920 he again did special work in internal medicine in the Johns Hopkins University at Baltimore, Maryland. He is thus continually broadening his knowledge and promoting his efficiency in his chosen field through broad reading, study, research and investigation. Moreover, he keeps in touch with the trend of professional progress through the proceedings of the Tulsa Medical Society, the Oklahoma State Medical Association and the American Medical Association. He is also well known as a contributor of special papers to the medical societies and to the literature of the profession.

In 1914 Dr. Dillon was married to Miss Louise Detzel of Erie, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Frank J. Detzel, president of the Erie Trust Company. Dr. and Mrs. Dillon have three daughters: Mary Louise, Katherine Coody and Elizabeth Ann. Mrs. Dillon is very prominent socially, being a recognized leader in the social and club circles of Tulsa. Dr. Dillon belongs to the Catholic church and to the Knights of Columbus and is also identified with the Chamber of Commerce, the Tulsa Country Club, the Kiwanis Club and the University Club.

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#### LESLIE EUGENE ABBOTT.

Prominent among the energetic, farsighted and successful business men of Tulsa is Leslie Eugene Abbott, the president of the Halliburton-Abbott Dry Goods Company. A man of well balanced capacities and powers, he has long occupied a central place on the stage of action and his labors have found culmination in the development of the finest dry goods store in the city in which he makes his home. Mr. Abbott was born in Pendleton county, Kentucky in 1867, a son of A. J. and Mary A. Abbott. He acquired a common school education and no special advantages came to him through the period of his boyhood and youth. Farming occupied his attention when he was not occupied with the duties of the schoolroom and he early became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. As the years passed there awakened in him an ambition to engage in some other occupation than that of tilling the soil and eventually he turned toward mercantile pursuits. He has been identified with the Halliburton-Abbott Dry Goods Company since 1916 and as president is bending his efforts to administrative direction and executive control. He has always employed the most constructive methods in the conduct of the business, keeping in close touch with the trade and with the market from which he draws his stock. The business has steadily grown and developed and today their establishment is the leading store of Tulsa, beautiful in its arrangement, attractive in the line of goods carried and in every way a credit to the city. The results achieved have been gained through indefatigable industry and persistency of purpose.

In Concordia, Kansas, on the 29th of December, 1892, Mr. Abbott was married to Miss Mae Scott and they have become parents of four children: Leslie Scott, who married Winnie O'Donnell and has two sons, four and two years of

age; Frank Wilton, who is a graduate of the Tulsa high school of the class of 1921; Dorothea, attending high school; and Marjorie, who is a pupil in the grades.

Mr. and Mrs. Abbott are members of the First Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Abbott belongs also to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Rebekahs, while in Masonry he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and is also connected with the Eastern Star. He belongs to the Advertising Club, to the Chamber of Commerce, of which he is a director, and to the City Club. These associations and membership connections indicate the breadth of his interests and the rules which govern him in the varied relations of life.

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#### FRED W. KOPPLIN.

The determined purpose and definite self-reliance which enabled Fred W. Kopplin to provide the means for completing his professional education have proved equally effective in connection with his development of a substantial and representative law practice in the city of Tulsa, and he is one of the successful and valued members of the bar of Tulsa county. He was born at Warsaw, Wisconsin, on the 20th of November, 1873, and is a son of Rev. August H. and Sophia (Oldenburg) Kopplin, the former of whom was twelve years of age when he accompanied his parents on their immigration from Germany to the United States, the family home having been established in Wisconsin in the pioneer period of the history of that commonwealth. The Oldenburg family is likewise of German lineage and has pioneer distinction in Wisconsin, the mother of the subject of this review having been born at what is now the city of Green Bay, that state. Rev. August H. Kopplin gave fifty-two years of earnest and consecrated service as a clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal church, he having been for a number of years a member of the Chicago conference in Illinois and also having labored long and effectively as a minister of his church, in the state of Wisconsin. He is now living at Green Bay, Wisconsin, and his wife is deceased. Of their ten children Fred W. of this review, is the first born.

The public schools of the Badger state afforded to Fred W. Kopplin his preliminary education and in furthering his higher academic training he attended Baldwin University and the German-Wallace University at Berea, Ohio, his studies having been directed toward preparing himself for the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church, in accord with the wishes of his father. He finally decided, however, that he was not called to the work of the ministry and upon his return to Wisconsin he obtained a clerical position in the post office at Baraboo. Within a short time he was advanced to the position of railway mail clerk on the Chicago & North Western Railroad, his work in this capacity being undertaken primarily for the purpose of earning funds to enable him to prosecute his studies in the law department of the University of Minnesota, his wife being his earnest helpmeet during this period and encouraging him in his laudable ambition. While serving as railway mail clerk on a night run Mr. Kopplin attended the law school of the University of Minnesota during the day, and his close application enabled him successfully to complete the prescribed curriculum, with the result that he was graduated as a member of the class of 1908. Soon after thus receiving his degree of Bachelor of Laws he came to Tulsa, where in 1908



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he became associated with the law firm of Wrightsman, Bush & Johnson, but in the following year he opened an office and engaged in the independent practice of his profession, in which his success has been unequivocal, as shown by the broad scope and importance of his well established law business at the present oil fields and in 1913 came to Oklahoma, establishing his home at Tulsa, where time. He has specialized to a degree in commercial and corporation law and in this department was very active during the earlier period of his practice at Tulsa. Mr. Kopplin considers his profession worthy of his undivided fealty and of him it has been said that "he is a lawyer first, last and all the time." He was retained as a member of the original staff of counselors for the Retail Merchants Association of Tulsa, and his clientage at all times has been of a representative order. He is vice president of the Montezuma Oil Company and also of the Tulsa Decorating Company, which is one of the oldest business concerns of Tulsa. He was a prominent figure in placing the affairs of the Retail Merchants Association upon a substantial basis, and at all times he has shown loyal interest in the civic and material welfare and progress of his home city.

Mr. Kopplin has been an appreciative student of the history and teachings of the Masonic fraternity and is actively affiliated with both the York and Scottish Rite bodies, in the latter of which he has received the thirty-second degree, in Oklahoma Consistory, No. 1, at Guthrie. At Tulsa his York Rite affiliations are as here indicated: Tulsa Lodge, No. 71, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons; Tulsa Chapter, No. 52, Royal Arch Masons; and Trinity Commandery, No. 20, Knights Templars. He holds membership also in Akdar Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Tulsa, Saba Grotto No. 52, M. O. V. P. E. R., and he was one of the organizers of the Shrine band, from which he retired as soon as it became self-supporting.

At Harvard, Illinois, in 1897, occurred the marriage of Mr. Kopplin to Miss Mary Rogers, who was born and reared at that place and who is a daughter of D. P. and Augusta Rogers, both natives of Illinois, where the respective families were founded in the pioneer days, the Rogers family having removed from the state of New York to Illinois at an early period. D. P. Rogers became the owner of valuable farm property in Illinois, and in early days was there extensively engaged in the feeding of cattle, in which connection he drove many cattle overland from Texas to his Illinois farm. Mr. and Mrs. Kopplin have no children.

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#### JOHN B. HAWKINS, D. D. S.

A visit to the well equipped dental offices of Dr. John B. Hawkins indicates at once his prominence, efficiency and high standing in the profession. His practice is very extensive and of an important character and has grown steadily during the period of his residence in this city. He came to Oklahoma from Mississippi, his birth having occurred in Flora, that state, December 28, 1881. His father, George Ben Hawkins, was also a native of Mississippi, where he owned and conducted a plantation. He belonged to the Baptist church and died in that faith in the year 1914. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Sarah Shirley, is still living in Mississippi. By her marriage she became the mother of eight children, seven of whom survive.

Dr. Hawkins was accorded liberal educational opportunities. He attended the Mississippi College at Clinton, Mississippi, and afterward became a student in the Vanderbilt University, in which he pursued his dental course, winning his professional degree upon graduation with the class of 1906. He then

located for practice in Texas, where he remained for two years and about 1910 he came to Tulsa. He now has a very large practice and splendidly equipped offices in the Mayo building. He is a constant student of everything that bears upon his profession and has introduced the latest appliances for the care of the teeth and the most scientific methods in their employment. His efficiency is attested not only by his many patients but also by his professional brethren.

In 1904 Dr. Hawkins was united in marriage to Miss Edna Love and they have become the parents of a son, George Ben, now six years of age. Dr. Hawkins belongs to Tulsa Lodge, No. 71, A. F. & A. M., and has likewise taken the degrees of the York Rite, while with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine he has crossed the sands of the desert, being connected with Akdar Temple, and is a member of the Patrol. He likewise has membership with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His religious faith is that of the Christian church and he belongs to the City Club. He also has membership in the Tulsa County, Oklahoma State and National Dental Associations and is now serving on the state dental examining board. While his professional interests make heavy demands upon his time and energy he is much interested in agricultural pursuits and is the owner of a very fine farm property, finding great pleasure in supervising its further development and improvement.

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#### PERCIVAL EMERA MAGEE.

Percival Emera Magee, lawyer and oil producer, is prominent among the energetic, farsighted and successful business men, whose activities are not only advancing their own fortunes but are upbuilding the state and whose records have been particularly helpful to the development of Tulsa, where he located in 1906. He was born in Waukon, Iowa, January 16, 1885, and is a son of John C. and Jane (Cole) Magee. The father was born in Center county, Pennsylvania, and the mother's birth occurred in Lawrence county, New York, her father being C. C. Cole. John C. Magee became a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church and for many years was active in connection with the Upper Iowa conference, serving as the presiding elder for some time. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and is now living in California. His wife passed away in Tulsa in 1916. They were the parents of seven children. It was in 1909 that the Rev. Mr. Magee brought his family to Tulsa, where he organized the Grace Methodist Episcopal church and also the Orcutt Methodist church and thus made valuable contribution to the moral progress and development of this community.

Percival E. Magee obtained his early education in the public schools of Iowa and in the Cedar Falls high school, from which he was graduated in 1901. He afterwards attended the Iowa State Teachers College, in which he completed his studies in 1904, and then entered the Upper Iowa University, from which he was graduated in 1906. Years afterward Professor William Arnold Shanklin, now president of the Wesleyan University of Middletown, Connecticut, wrote of Mr. Magee: "I came to know him intimately while he was a student in Upper Iowa University, while I was president there. He was graduated from the university with honors in 1906. Throughout his college course he gave evidence of both oratorical and forensic ability, representing his alma mater on a number of occasions in these lines. I have met Mr. Magee several

times in the past half dozen years and have found that the promise of his development which his undergraduate days gave has been amply fulfilled. He is one of the leaders of the men of his generation in his community."

Following the completion of his university course Mr. Magee came to Tulsa, on the 16th of June, 1906, and was admitted to the bar in the following year. He then took up the practice of law which he successfully followed for three years and on the expiration of that period became vice president of the Hill Oil & Gas Company, so continuing until 1916, when the company sold to the Cosden Company. He has made for himself an equally creditable name in oil and financial circles, having been chairman of the board of the Union National Bank up to January 1, 1921, when it merged with the First National Bank of Tulsa. He finds ready solution for intricate and involved business problems and his knowledge of the law is of immense benefit to him in this connection. Progressiveness and enterprise characterize his career and he has made for himself a creditable position among the oil men of the state and in the banking circles of Tulsa.

In 1908 in West Union, Iowa, Mr. Magee was married to Miss Lillian Green, a daughter of Thomas L. Green of that place. They have become parents of three children: Jane Ellen, seven years of age; Mary, aged three; and Patricia, who is in her first year.

The parents are members of the First Methodist church, in which Mr. Magee is serving as a trustee. He held close to the faith of his father, whose contribution to the moral progress of this community was definite and virile and who is honored wherever he is known and most of all where he is best known. Mr. Magee of this review is a member of the Masonic fraternity, has taken the degrees of chapter and commandery, belongs to the Consistory at McAlester, Oklahoma, and Akdar Temple of the Mystic Shrine, while his political allegiance is given to the republican party. There is no organization or phase of activity with which he becomes identified that his labors do not constitute a resultant factor in the attainment of its purposes. With a good education as a foundation for his success he has builded wisely and well and as the architect of his own fortunes has reared a superstructure that is most admirable.

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#### CASS A. MAYO.

Cass A. Mayo is a dynamic force in the commercial circles of Tulsa. His success is one of the notable achievements accomplished in the business development of the state of Oklahoma. Starting with a meager capital in 1902, through great business acumen and wonderful application he has built up the largest enterprise of the kind in the state, having here a furniture establishment which would be a credit to any city in the Union. His position is one of equal prominence in connection with civic affairs and in all matters pertaining to the upbuilding of Tulsa his attitude is one of generous support and leadership. Mr. Mayo was born in Randolph county, Missouri, June 27, 1878. His father, John Allen Mayo, also a native of Randolph county, was born in 1842, and has followed the occupation of farming as a life work, but is now living retired, making his home in Clifton Hill, Missouri. He married Emma Birch, who has passed away. In the family were five children, all of whom are living. The father is a member of the Baptist church and his well-spent life has gained for him the respect, confidence and goodwill of all who know him.

Cass A. Mayo obtained a public school education in Randolph county, Mis-

souri. His early advantages were such as most boys enjoy, and he started out in the business world with no special opportunities, but was the possessor of energy and ambition. For four years he was connected with real estate and banking in Dallas, Texas, and his close application, his determination and his progressive business methods brought to him a fair measure of success during that period. Seventeen years ago he came to Tulsa and established a furniture business which is today the oldest of the kind in the city and one of the leading enterprises of this character in the southwest. In the business he is associated with his brother John D. and the firm of Mayo Brothers is well known throughout this section of the country. They carry a most extensive line of goods and their establishment would be a credit to a city of much greater size. In addition to his mercantile interests Cass A. Mayo is a director of the Central National Bank and a director of the United States Inner Tube Compression Company. With his brother he has been associated in the erection of two splendid ten-story office buildings, which are magnificent structures, adding greatly to the architectural beauty of the city. The operations of Mr. Mayo in the real estate field have added materially to his fortunes and have constituted a most important element in the improvement of Tulsa.

In 1908 Mr. Mayo was married to Miss Allene Taylor of Salisbury, Missouri, a daughter of Allen Taylor, and they have become parents of two children, Virginia and Cass A., Jr., aged respectively ten and four years. Mr. Mayo finds his recreation in hunting and greatly enjoys a trip into the open. He is active as a member of the First Baptist church and has given most generous support to large philanthropic enterprises. Tulsa's civic development is a matter dear to his heart and he stands loyally for every interest which has to do with the upbuilding and improvement of the city in any way. His life record should serve as a source of inspiration and encouragement to others, showing what could be accomplished through intelligently directed effort. Opportunity has ever been to him a call to action and in the field of enterprise his labors have been so wisely and judiciously directed that success in notable measure has come to him and with it an untarnished name.

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#### ARTHUR NEWLIN.

Arthur Newlin, a clear thinker and strong executive, who is now the vice president and secretary of the Exchange Trust Company of Tulsa, has won for himself a creditable and enviable position in the financial circles of the state. He is a western man by birth, training and preference and in his life exemplifies the spirit of progress and enterprise that has been a dominant factor in the rapid upbuilding of the west. His birth occurred on a farm near Wetmore, Kansas, May 29, 1886, his parents being James and Rachael Ann (Grubb) Newlin. The father was born in Pennsylvania and devoted his life to the occupation of farming. Moreover, he supported his father's family while his brothers went to war in defense of the Union from 1861 until 1865. He belonged to the Masonic fraternity, loyally following its teachings, and he passed away May 27, 1916. His wife, who was born in Indiana, belonged to one of the pioneer families of Kansas and they were married in the Sunflower state. To them were born ten children, all of whom are living.

Arthur Newlin, the ninth in order of birth, was educated in the district schools of Brown county, Kansas, to the age of thirteen years and afterwards



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attended the Wetmore high school, from which he was graduated in the spring of 1906. Later he was a student in the Atchison Business College, in 1906-7, completing a course in stenography, bookkeeping and banking. He afterward became identified with the oil business as a representative of the Gypsy Oil Company and of the Gulf Pipe Line Company, serving a year in their general offices, after which he was advanced to the finance and accounting departments and so continued to serve for another year. In 1910 Mr. Newlin became connected with The Exchange National Bank of Tulsa, Oklahoma, being appointed to the position of assistant cashier on the 22d of May, 1911. In the same year he was also appointed secretary to the president and continued thus to serve until the 1st of November, 1916, when he resigned his position to become secretary and treasurer of the Sperry Oil & Gas Company, a subsidiary company of the Oklahoma Producing & Refining Company. His attention was directed to his duties in that connection until August 1, 1918, when he resigned and became identified with the Exchange Trust Company, at the time of its organization. At the annual meeting held on the 1st of January, 1920, he was elected vice president and secretary of the Exchange Trust Company and is so serving at the present time, bending his efforts to administrative direction and executive control. His knowledge of the banking business is comprehensive and thorough and his efforts are an important element in the continued success of this corporation.

On the 12th of August, 1912, Mr. Newlin was married to Miss Mary McKinley, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, a daughter of John and Clara A. McKinley, the former now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Newlin have one son, Arthur John, born September 16, 1916. Mr. Newlin belongs to the Petroleum Club, the Country Club and the Kiwanis Club. He is likewise connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. His wife, who is a graduate of the Tulsa high school and of Kendall College of Tulsa, now Tulsa University, continued her musical education in the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, and is a prominent figure in the musical circles of the city. Both Mr. and Mrs. Newlin are members of the First Presbyterian church and in social circles they occupy a most enviable position. Mr. Newlin finds interest and recreation in stock raising and his diversion is obtained through golf, baseball and hunting. He is keenly interested in all that pertains to Tulsa's welfare and upbuilding and has become the treasurer of the Home Building & Loan Association, whereby many of his fellow townsmen have been assisted in obtaining homes of their own. He is always interested in everything that pertains to the welfare and progress of his adopted city and gives generous support to many projects for the public good.

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#### WILLIAM C. STEGER.

A man whose advancement has been the result of his own ability and well directed efforts, William C. Steger is not only an influential exponent of the real estate business in the city of Tulsa but is also known as one of its most loyal, liberal and public-spirited citizens. He was born on a farm in Franklin county, Kentucky, and the date of his nativity was August 8, 1880. He is a son of J. W. and Mahala (Browner) Steger. The father gained precedence as one of the leaders of agricultural industry in Franklin county, later became manager of a large plantation in Shelby county, Kentucky, and passed the closing years of his life in Carter county, that state, as did also his wife, both having been

devoted members of the Baptist church, in which he served as superintendent of the Sunday school.

The period of the boyhood and early youth of William C. Steger was marked by the influences of the Kentucky farm on which he was reared and in the work of which he early began to aid, so that his attendance in the public schools was confined principally to the winter months. At the age of sixteen years he found employment with the Olive Hill Brick Company, at the princely stipend of fifty cents a day, and his characteristic energy and receptiveness caused him to gain a thorough knowledge of the various details of the business with which he was thus identified, with the result that he was made assistant superintendent of the plant. Later he was employed in shoe factories at Cincinnati and Portsmouth, Ohio, and from this field of service he turned to become a locomotive fireman on the line of the Norfolk & Western Railroad. After three years of application in this capacity he was called to a position in the general offices of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, where he was assigned to the charge of the joint protective boards, at Peoria, Illinois. In 1908 Mr. Steger went to Tyler, Texas, where he became a successful exponent of the real estate business and served also as immigration agent for the Gulf, Texas & Western Railroad, the line of which had been built by Joseph J. Jermyn, one of the country's leading operators in the production of anthracite coal. Through having charge of townsites and the settling of homeseekers on the lands adjacent to this railroad, Mr. Steger gained specially wide and valuable experience in the handling and exploiting of real estate, and in 1911 he was made special agent for the Magnolia Park Land Company, a leading corporation in the development and settlement of lands on the Gulf coast of Texas.

Fortified by such ample and varied experience Mr. Steger was well equipped when, in 1914, he established himself in the real estate business at Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he has found ample scope for his splendid initiative and constructive talents. In connection with his real estate operations he has specialized in the handling of high-grade securities, and his activities have been helpful in furthering the general civic and material progress and prosperity of this section of the state. In 1919 he was one of the organizers of the Steger Investment & Development Company, of which he became general manager, and this corporation functions primarily in the handling of industrial sites, his operations thus far having been principally in the Red Fork district of Tulsa county. He is associated also with oil production enterprise in this section of the state and is vice president of the Tulsa Real Estate Exchange, in the organization of which he was an influential figure. Mr. Steger is an active member of the Lions Club, of which he has served as president, and for two years he was chairman of the allied civic committees of Tulsa, besides which he was a member of Mayor Hubbard's advisory committee. His broad vision and distinctive public spirit were shown in his having been one of the first men to suggest and advocate the plan of obtaining a Tulsa water supply from Spavinaw creek. He was campaign manager in connection with the project of bonding the city for the carrying out of the plans for the new water supply, and this has passed on record as one of the greatest campaigns of the kind in the history of Oklahoma. The faculty of leadership is splendidly developed in the aggressive personality of Mr. Steger, and this, as coupled with his initiative, ability and unqualified civic loyalty, has proved fortunate for the city and state of his adoption, his services for the communal benefit having been unstinted and constructive. He is an active member of the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce, holds membership in the Tulsa Advertising Club, and during the period of America's participation in the World



war he gave his aid to war activities with characteristic vigor and earnestness. He was chairman of the war camp community service and was a leader in all local drives in support of the various governmental loans, Red Cross work, etc. Mr. Steger is a democrat because he wishes to be a democrat, and he invariably has a reason for the faith that is his, so that he is well fortified in his political convictions, though he has manifested no ambition for public office nor political preferment. Mr. Steger is a member of the Baptist church. In the Masonic fraternity he still maintains affiliation with Aurora Lodge, No. 48, Free and Accepted Masons, at Portsmouth, Ohio, and in addition to his various York Rite affiliations he is actively identified with Indian Consistory, No. 2, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, at McAlester, Oklahoma, and has been since 1919 secretary of the Scottish Rite Society of Tulsa. He holds membership in Akdar Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Tulsa, and is chairman of Saba Grotto, No. 58, M. O. V. P. E. R. Mr. Steger is a popular member of the City Club and Automobile Club of Tulsa, and in his adopted city and state he has a wide circle of friends in both business and social relations. At the historic Ute Pass he has been the most influential figure in the development of a summer colony at Ute Park, near Colorado Springs, Colorado.

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#### PIERRE NUMA CHARBONNET, M. D.

Among the younger members of the medical profession who have won a name and place that many an older physician and surgeon might well envy is Dr. Pierre Numa Charbonnet, who was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, October 19, 1890, his parents being Joseph Numa and Mathilde (Gibert) Charbonnet, who were likewise natives of the Crescent City. The father was an honor graduate of Tulane University, winning his M. D. degree in 1887. He entered upon active practice in New Orleans, where he specialized in children's diseases. His death occurred in his native city in 1890.

His son, Dr. Pierre Numa Charbonnet of Tulsa, pursued his early education in the St. Aloysius College and afterward attended the Virginia Military Institute, where he was well known as a member of the football team, while at the same time he made creditable record in his studies. He afterward attended Tulane University in New Orleans and won his M. D. degree on the completion of his course with the class of 1916. For a year he was connected with the Charity Hospital in New Orleans as pathologist. He was also pathologist to Hotel Dieu in New Orleans, and was instructor in surgical pathology at Tulane University for two years. He made steady professional progress and in 1916 he went to the French Hospital in San Francisco as house gynecologist. There he was located when America entered the World war and being a member of the Medical Reserve Corps he was called to active duty at Fort McDowell in San Francisco on the 24th of March, 1917. Later he took the examination and was commissioned first lieutenant in the regular army. He went to France with the Eighteenth Railway Engineers, being stationed for a time at Bordeaux. He was then transferred to general headquarters at Paris and was made assistant supply officer in the office of Chief Surgeon of the Lines of Communication. Later he was promoted to the rank of captain and became commanding officer of the Medical Department, surgical instrument and X-ray repair shop. He was afterward liason officer between the French and American medical departments for the district of Paris, and for a while

in charge of the evacuation of the wounded in the Paris district. In April, 1918, he was gassed while inspecting a hospital near Amby and in June, 1918, was evacuated to the United States. He had been recommended for a majority (temporary rank) but the armistice was signed ere he received it. He spent one year in the United States General Hospital No. 18, at Waynesville, North Carolina. Upon his recovery he was sent to Denver at United States Army General Hospital, No. 21, as assistant chief of the surgical service. Later he was transferred to Fort McDowell, where he was chief of the surgical service, and where he remained until he resigned. In May, 1920, he came to Tulsa and in July opened an office, since which time he has specialized in obstetrics and gynecology and has won a notable place both as a physician and surgeon. He belongs to the Tulsa, Oklahoma State and American Medical Associations and is constantly broadening his knowledge through scientific research and investigation.

On the 22d of October, 1918, in Waynesville, North Carolina, Dr. Charbonnet was married to Blanche R. Rogers of Winfield, Kansas, a daughter of Ernest Richard Rogers, a retired farmer of Winfield. They have one son, Pierre Numa, Jr.

In politics Dr. Charbonnet is a non-partisan, supporting men and measures rather than party. His religious faith is that of the Catholic church. He is well known in club circles, his membership being in the Petroleum and University Clubs, and he belongs also to the American Legion, thus maintaining his comradeship with those who, like himself, did active duty in the World war to curb the militaristic ambitions of Germany. He is yet a young man, alert, ambitious, studious and enterprising, and step by step he is advancing in his chosen profession, his position already being one that many a physician of twice his years might well envy.

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#### HENRY NAUERT GREIS.

Henry Nauert Greis, oil and gas producer of Tulsa, who well deserves classification with the captains of industry because of the ability and enterprise which he has manifested in the development and control of important interests, was born at Buffalo, New York, July 5, 1880, a son of Jacob M. and Mildred N. Greis. The public schools of his native city afforded him his educational opportunities and passing through consecutive grades he was graduated from the Central high school and afterward entered the United States Military Academy at West Point, thus receiving thorough educational training. Advancing step by step in his business career he has come to control extensive and important interests and figures as one of the most prominent and influential business men of Tulsa. He is a director of the Liberty National Bank of this city, also vice president of the Central Torpedo Company, president of the Wyoming Torpedo Company, president of the Packard Oklahoma Motor Sales Company, president of the Atlantic Petroleum Corporation, with offices in the Cosden building, and altogether is one of the best known oil and gas men in this section of the country. He has won notable success through the development of his oil interests and in other lines as well. He came to Tulsa as a gas expert and oil producer, and step by step has advanced until he has reached his present commanding position. He has displayed notable sagacity in discriminating between the



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essential and the non-essential in all business affairs and has so directed his efforts as to make the best possible use of time, talent and opportunity.

In politics Mr. Greis is a democrat, thoroughly informed concerning the leading questions and issues of the day, but never an office seeker. He is well known in Masonic circles, belonging to Delta Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Tulsa; to Mount Sinai Chapter, R. A. M., of Buffalo, New York; to Indian Consistory, A. A. S. R., of McAlester, Oklahoma; to Trinity Commandery, K. T., of Tulsa; and to Akdar Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and in the last named is captain of the Akdar Arab Patrol. He is likewise a member of Tulsa Lodge, No. 946, B. P. O. E. There are few leisure moments in his life. Important and extensive interests make heavy demands upon his time and energy and he has become indeed a dynamic force in the business world of the southwest.

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### WILLIAM LLOYD LEWIS.

William Lloyd Lewis, the active manager of the Liberty National Bank, his official title being that of vice president of the institution, was born in Ottawa, Kansas, October 16, 1889. His father, George W. Lewis, is a native of North Carolina and in an early day removed to Kansas, becoming one of the pioneer settlers of that state. Since 1889 he has lived in Oklahoma and has devoted his life to the occupations of farming and stock raising, becoming prominently known as a leading stockman of this state. He now makes his home at Stillwater. He served with the Union army during the Civil war and has always been a loyal supporter of all interests that tend to benefit community, commonwealth or country. His religious faith is that of the Baptist church and he is active in the church and in connection with many local affairs of value to the community in which he resides. He married Elvessa Moore, who was born in Kansas, and they have become parents of ten children, nine of whom are living.

William Lloyd Lewis pursued a public school education and then continued his studies in the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College at Stillwater, from which he was graduated with the class of 1908. When his textbooks were laid aside he turned his attention to the banking business, becoming assistant cashier of the Bartlesville State Bank of Bartlesville, Oklahoma. There he gained experience which constituted a valuable foundation for his later success. In 1911 he came to Tulsa and through the intervening period has been active in the Liberty National Bank as its vice president. This bank is capitalized for two hundred thousand dollars, has a surplus of fifty thousand dollars and its deposits now amount to about three million dollars. Its business has been developed along the most approved lines of banking and the officers have at all times been most careful to safeguard the interests of depositors, at the same time utilizing every legitimate method to advance the business interests of Tulsa and the surrounding country through judicious loans. While Mr. Lewis occupies a prominent place in financial circles, he is perhaps even more widely known as a horseman. He is the owner of six world champions, displayed at Louisville, including Mass of Gold, a world champion five gaited gelding and also grand champion five gaited saddle horse of the world. He is likewise the owner of Vernon Holt, champion standard bred stallion of the world, which won the coveted ribbon at Lexington, Kentucky, Adelaide Geneé, grand champion mare of the world, Admiral King, champion

stallion, and Violet Heming, champion harness mare of the world. Out of twenty-two shows he won eleven firsts and twenty-two seconds. Tulsa, as well as Mr. Lewis, is extremely proud of his stable, as he has owned and trained some of the finest horses of the world.

In 1914 Mr. Lewis was married to Miss Lina Tuttle, daughter of Claude Tuttle, and they have two children: Betty Jane, three years of age; and Lina Lee, age two months.

That Mr. Lewis is interested in oil and gas properties, as well as in banking, is indicated in the fact that he is an accepted member of the Petroleum Club. In fact he is one of the popular representatives of that organization. He belongs as well to the Tulsa Country Club and is a director and treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce, cooperating heartily in all the activities of the latter organization for the benefit and upbuilding of the city, the extension of its trade relations and the advancement and upholding of its civic standards. In addition to his beautiful home in Tulsa he owns a farm seven miles from the city and it is there that his world champion horses are found. Mr. Lewis is always approachable and genial and is one of the best known and most popular residents of Tulsa, enjoying the friendship and warm regard of people of all classes, thus making his life history of interest to his many friends.

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### MAJOR ALVA JOSEPH NILES.

Major Alva Joseph Niles, who is also entitled to be called General by reason of his service with the National Guard, while his title of major was won in the World war, is now the president of the Security State Bank of Tulsa. A well defined policy has characterized his entire life and thoroughness and earnestness of purpose have constituted the basis of his constantly growing success. He was born at Whitehall, Illinois, on the 5th of April, 1882, and back of his own military record was the example of his father, Albert G. Niles, a veteran of the Civil war. The father was born in Sandusky, Ohio, and when but fourteen years of age enlisted in the Union army, becoming a member of Company C, Fifty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he fought from the beginning until the close of hostilities. He was the youngest man to enlist at the first call of President Lincoln for troops to crush out rebellion in the south. After the war he became a farmer of Illinois and eventually settled in Oklahoma, during the period of its early development. The last fifteen years of his life were spent in Guthrie, Oklahoma, and other sections of the state with his son, and he passed away on the 19th of April, 1917. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Sarah Ruth, was born in Greene county, Illinois, and died when her son, Alva J., was quite young. The family numbered seven children, of whom one died in infancy, while the others are still living.

Alva J. Niles was educated in the public schools of Winfield, Kansas, and in the Winfield College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1900. His youthful experiences were those of the farm-bred boy who is reared upon the western frontier and who bears his part in the arduous task of developing new land. He was ambitious to gain a good education and it was his own labor that made this possible, for he provided the funds that enabled him to pursue his college course. At length he entered the real estate and loan business in Newkirk, Oklahoma, as an employe, there continuing for a year, and

later he spent three years in the same line in Blackwell, Oklahoma. In 1903 he was appointed treasurer of school lands of Oklahoma, with headquarters in Guthrie, then the capital of the territory. There he remained until 1906, when he received appointment to the position of adjutant general of Oklahoma by Theodore Roosevelt and continued to serve in that capacity until Oklahoma territory became a state, continuing his residence in Guthrie through the intervening period. It was then that he turned his attention to the banking business and became active in the management of a chain of banks in various towns of this state. He so served until 1914, when he came to Tulsa and entered the business circles of this city in connection with the oil industry. In this he met with substantial success. Steadily he had worked his way upward, but the mere outline as herein given indicates little of the plans and methods which he has followed. He has always pursued a definite purpose and has been inflexibly loyal to seven rules which he laid out for himself in young manhood. His observation of life and its opportunities, his study of the methods of successful men and his sound deductions led to his adoption of seven principles which are briefly summed up as follows: Be honest; Hustle; Be courteous; Be a good American; Stay by your friends; Apply what education you have; Plan for the future. He knows that no man can win legitimate success if he be not honest and no one has ever questioned the integrity of his methods. He has been equally loyal to the other principles which he has laid down for himself and which young men might well adopt as a course to pursue if they would attain an honorable name and place as Mr. Niles has done.

Mr. Niles' father was but fourteen years of age when he became connected with the Civil war. Mr. Niles was a youth of sixteen when the country again needed military aid and he together with two brothers at once responded, becoming a private of the Twenty-first Kansas Volunteer Infantry in 1898 for service in the Spanish-American war. He was the youngest man to respond to the first call for volunteers for that struggle and served throughout the war in the Philippines. In 1916, when it seemed expedient to send troops to the Mexican border, Mr. Niles went with General Pershing as captain of infantry and was on active duty from June, 1916, until March, 1917, being connected with Company C of the First Oklahoma Infantry, which company he organized in Tulsa. At the outbreak of the World war he recruited Company C, First Oklahoma Infantry, to its full strength and later was promoted to the rank of major. He was made inspector general of the Seventh American Division and was in active service in France until February, 1919. He participated in engagements in the Toul sector, also in defensive operations in the Toul sector and offensive operations in the Meuse-Argonne engagement. He had formerly become adjutant general of the territory of Oklahoma and has held every rank from private to that of brigadier general in the Oklahoma National Guard, extending over a period of seventeen years. Immediately upon his return to the United States after serving in France he organized the Security State Bank of Tulsa, of which he became the president. The bank has enjoyed notable growth under his control. His policy is well defined, his progressiveness is tempered by a safe conservatism and he most carefully protects the interests of depositors while upbuilding the institution along lines of substantial improvement and advancement.

In January, 1906, Mr. Niles was united in marriage to Miss Ethel M. McNeal, who was born at Medicine Lodge, Kansas, but was reared and educated in Guthrie, Oklahoma, a daughter of the late Joseph W. McNeal, a very promi-

ment citizen of Oklahoma, who opened the first bank in the state at Guthrie. He was also the republican nominee for governor in 1910. To Mr. and Mrs. Niles have been born two children, Joe Allen and Marie Louise, aged respectively fourteen and twelve years and both now in school. Mrs. Niles takes a very active and helpful interest in church and philanthropic work and is continually extending a helping hand where assistance is needed.

Mr. Niles is a member of the Spanish War Veterans, being twice elected department commander, and is one of the national organizers of the American Legion. He is likewise a member of the Military Order of Foreign Wars and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. In politics he is a republican, active in support of his party, and was chairman of the republican state campaign committee in 1910. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Presbyterian church and their social position is an enviable one. Major Niles was the youngest man ever created a thirty-third degree Mason. He belongs to Delta Lodge, No. 425, A. F. & A. M.; has taken all of the Scottish Rite degrees and is a member of Akdar Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He likewise belongs to the Elks lodge, is a member of the Tulsa Country Club and of all the leading clubs and social organizations of the city. He is president of the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce and is keenly interested in everything that has to do with the welfare, progress and upbuilding of the city. His is a notable career, for at the age of thirty-eight years he is a veteran of three wars, has been a recognized leader in political circles, is a prominent figure in banking circles and, moreover, is a truly representative American citizen, loved and honored by all who know him.

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#### DELBERT A. KOONS.

Delbert A. Koons of the Eastern Torpedo Company of Tulsa, was born at Ossian, Indiana, June 29, 1874, and was one of a family of five children whose parents were Philip and Elizabeth (Porter) Koons. The father, who was a lumberman and handled railway timber, settled in Fort Wayne, Indiana, at an early day, removing from Danville, Pennsylvania, prior to the Civil war. He served with the Union army during the period of hostilities between the north and the south and loyally defended the stars and stripes. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and also a faithful follower of Masonry. He passed away in November, 1920, at the ripe old age of eighty-three years. The mother, who was born in Akron, Ohio, is still living, making her home near Ossian, Indiana.

Delbert A. Koons pursued his education in the public and high schools of Ossian to the age of sixteen years and then became a railroad telegraph operator. He worked on the New York Central for nine years, on the Lake Erie branch, and eventually became connected with the Indiana Pipe Line Company. Still later he was with the Du Pont Powder Company at Toledo, Ohio, subsequently at Indianapolis, at St. Louis and at Tulsa. He came to this city on the 1st of February, 1910, representing the Du Pont interests for a year, and then organized the Central Torpedo Company, with which he has continued to be identified. He purchased the business of the Eastern Torpedo Company and has since been part owner and general manager of a growing business, now conducted under the name of the Eastern Torpedo Company, with offices in the First National Bank building of Tulsa.

In 1904 Mr. Koons was married to Miss Harriet Spear of Montpelier, Indiana,





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who passed away in November, 1913, leaving a daughter, Gretchen Elizabeth, now fifteen years of age, attending the public schools of Winona Lake, Indiana.

Mr. Koons is a Mason, having been initiated into the order at Ossian, Indiana. He has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in Indian Consistory and he belongs to Akdar Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He has never been a club man nor has he sought to figure prominently in any public connection outside of business. On the contrary he has concentrated his efforts and attention upon his increasing duties and responsibilities and as the years have advanced has progressed step by step until he is now at the head of important, growing and profitable interests as owner and manager of the Eastern Torpedo Company.

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### REV. LOUIS SAMUEL BARTON.

Rev. Louis Samuel Barton, who for seven years has been pastor of the Boston Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, South, at Tulsa, is classed with the most eminent divines of the southwest. The liberal educational advantages which were his in early life, his later study of a broad and comprehensive nature and his devotion to the highest ideals have made him a strong and forceful representative of the ministry. A native of Arkansas, he was born in Falcon on the 30th of June, 1869, and is a son of James L. and Jane (Stevens) Barton. The father was born in Marshall county, Tennessee, and during the Civil war served as a soldier of the Confederate army. His life was passed in Mississippi and in Arkansas and his death occurred in 1872. Both he and his wife were consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church, South. The latter was a native of North Carolina and her mother was a member of the Houston family, related to Secretary Houston, who served as secretary of the treasury. The death of Mrs. Barton occurred in 1912. In their family were nine children, four of whom are living.

Dr. L. S. Barton, spending his boyhood days in Texas, acquired his early education in the public schools and afterward attended the University of Texas, from which in due time he was admitted to the bar. He pursued his studies in Vanderbilt University of Tennessee and later in the University of Chicago, and entered the work of the ministry at Wichita Falls, Texas, in 1893, as a clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal church, South. For twenty-one years he was connected with the North Texas conference and then came to Oklahoma, where for seven years he has labored untiringly as the minister of the Boston Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, South, of Tulsa. This church has a membership of twelve hundred and is the largest and strongest congregation of the denomination in the city, having among its representatives many of the wealthiest men of Tulsa. His extended pastorate is indicative of the high place which he occupies in the regard of his parishioners, who feel that he is doing a most splendid work, the membership of the church having greatly increased under his ministry. He is a forceful and convincing speaker, clear in his reasoning and logical in his deductions, indicating clearly to his auditors the great value of Christian teaching as a force in the life of every individual. While a man of scholarly attainments, he is also a man of the deepest human sympathy and is constantly extending a helping hand to assist a fellow traveler on life's journey. He possesses a large library, with the contents of which he is familiar, and his reading has covered a wide range

of history and the best literature, as well as ecclesiastical subjects. His philanthropic work has been of a most comprehensive and resultant character and in the educational field he is well known, having for several years been a member of the General Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal church, South. He possesses business ability that results from thorough investigation before making a decision upon any vital question. His unswerving integrity and his unequivocal position have gained him the confidence of all people with whom he deals. Dr. Barton spent the greater part of 1919 in France in the welfare service connected with the Y. M. C. A. His work was that of speaker to the men of the American Expeditionary Forces, his church granting him a leave of absence for the time spent abroad.

Dr. Barton was united in marriage to Miss Maude Spalding, a native of Texas and a daughter of Dr. T. B. Spalding, of Greenville, Texas. She passed away July 4, 1918, her death being the occasion of the deepest and most widespread regret to a very extensive circle of friends. His second marriage, March 8, 1921, was to Mrs. Jane Murray of Austin, Texas.

Dr. Barton is a member of the Ad Club, of the City Club and of the Rotary Club. Fraternally he is a Royal Arch Mason and his political belief is that of the democratic party. Dr. Barton greatly enjoys a hunting trip and turns to this for recreation and diversion. He is a man of splendid physique, with a resonant voice, well fitted by nature for the life work he has chosen. In modern parlance, he is a good mixer; in other words he has a clear understanding of human nature and the ability to call forth the best in the individual. He was chosen as Tulsa's representative in the Rotary Club and through this organization and in other channels he is constantly studying the problems of today—the problems that deal with modern life, with the opportunities and the handicaps of the individual and with the chances for the attainment of the highest standards. He does not regard the ministry as a thing apart but believes that it should be a forceful factor in helping to solve the problems of the everyday world, and while holding to the highest ideals, he is constantly employing the most practical methods in bringing about their attainment.

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#### ELI E. DIX.

Eli E. Dix, a man of high standards, with positive business genius, is today one of the distinguished figures operating in connection with the oil industry of Oklahoma. He has made his home in Tulsa since November, 1914, and for the past seven years has been prominently known as an oil producer. He was born in Sullivan county, Indiana, April 17, 1873. His father, Joshua E. Dix, was also a native of that county, his birth occurring on a farm there. Joshua E. Dix after reaching his majority acquired a large tract of land and was a progressive farmer and stock raiser. He also engaged in the grain business and in mercantile pursuits, his enterprise and activity bringing to him a gratifying measure of success. His last days were spent in Henry county, Missouri, where he died on the 30th of October, 1916, in the faith of the Christian church, of which he had long been a devoted and loyal member. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Ann E. Beard, was also a native of Sullivan county, Indiana, and she, too, has passed away. Their family numbered seven children, of whom five are living.

Mr. Dix was quite young when taken by his parents to Missouri and in that

state he was reared, attending the public schools, while later he continued his education in the Clinton Normal at Clinton, Missouri. He then took up the profession of teaching, which he followed for a time, and later became an employe of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad Company, serving in a clerical capacity for two years. He afterward engaged on his own account in the real estate and loan business at Clinton, Missouri, being very successful. Since 1914 he has been connected with the oil business and has been very active in developing this field of labor, his efforts at all times being attended with gratifying results. He is manager of the Rockwell Petroleum Corporation.

On the 3d of September, 1899, Mr. Dix was united in marriage to Miss Eula L. Adkisson of Clinton, Missouri, and to them have been born two children: Thomas J., seventeen years of age, who is a senior in the high school; and William B., a high school student, fourteen years of age.

Mr. Dix is a member of the City Club and also of the Chamber of Commerce and is a very prominent representative of the Christian church, serving at the present time as one of its elders and as chairman of the church board and taking very active and helpful part in all branches of the church work. He is likewise a trustee of Phillips University of Enid, Oklahoma. He has been remarkably generous with his time and his means in support of all interests tending to promote the moral progress and development of the community and his labors in the church have been far-reaching and resultant. He is splendidly philanthropic but closely follows the admonition not to let the left hand know what the right hand doeth. He keeps abreast of the times on all matters of general interest and is a man of untiring energy, of quick, alert mind and of remarkable resourcefulness. His is a spirit that never says quit. He has the ability that inspires confidence in others and faithfulness to his friends and business associates is one of his marked characteristics. In a word he is alert and forceful, his sound judgment commanding confidence in every relation, and the interests and activities of his life have been splendidly balanced, so that while his business affairs have been carried forward to success he has been equally active and forceful in his relations to the public good and is eminently one of the public-spirited citizens of Tulsa.

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#### FRANK O. CAVITT.

Frank O. Cavitt, a Tulsa attorney with large practice, was born on a farm in Iroquois county, Illinois, January 4, 1873. His father, Nelson Cavitt, was a farmer, who was born and reared near Dayton, Ohio, and afterwards removed to Indiana where he took up his abode in 1867. Later he became a resident of Illinois and continued to engage in agricultural pursuits. He passed away in 1901, in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he had long been a devoted member. Mrs. Cavitt, who bore the maiden name of Esther Brown, was born in Attica, Indiana, and passed away July 2, 1911. The family numbered nine children, seven of whom are living.

In the attainment of his education Frank O. Cavitt attended the public schools of Illinois and afterwards the Illinois State Normal School. Determining upon the practice of law as a life work he then began study and after thorough preparation was admitted to the bar upon examination before the supreme court of Illinois, December 12, 1901. For a short time he practiced in Watseka, Illinois, and then removed to Oklahoma, spending three years in Holdenville. In March,

1906, he arrived in Tulsa, where he has since made his home, and through the intervening period has given his attention to civil law. His practice is large and of an important character and the capability which he displays in handling his cases is indicative of his thorough preparation.

On the 1st of January, 1900, Mr. Cavitt was married to Miss Minnie M. Decker, a native of Iroquois county, Illinois. They belong to the First Methodist Episcopal church of Tulsa, in the work of which they take an active and helpful interest, and Mr. Cavitt is now serving as chairman of the board of stewards. Politically he is a republican, but the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him. His leisure time is given to general reading and he is a well-informed man. He belongs to the City Club, thus manifesting his interest in community affairs, and he is a member of the Oklahoma State Bar Association.

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### JESSE FINSTON.

Jesse Finston, numbered among those men who are controlling extensive interests in the oil fields of Oklahoma, was born in New York city, December 1, 1885, but was only six months old when taken to Cincinnati, Ohio, by his parents, Henry and Nellie Finston, both of whom are living in Tulsa. They reared a family of four children.

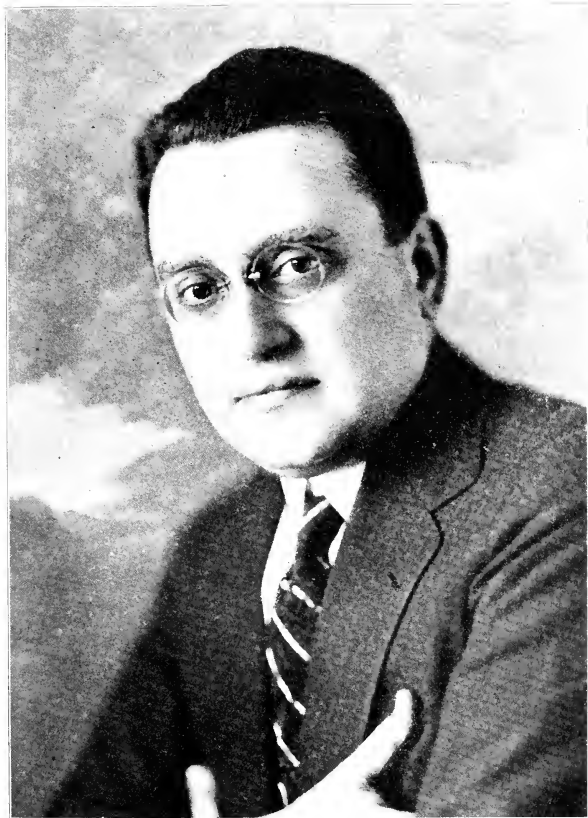
Jesse Finston, the eldest of the family, obtained his early education in the schools of Cincinnati, Ohio, and at twenty years of age moved to New York. He arrived in Tulsa in 1915, when thirty years of age, and here became connected with manufacturing interests. He is now a well known and prominent figure in connection with the oil industry and his operations of this character have constituted an important feature in the attainment of substantial success. He is the vice president of the Mid-Co Petroleum Corporation and the president of the Mid-Co Oil Sales Company. These two companies are very large oil producers and through his operations as a representative of these corporations Mr. Finston has won a notable place as a progressive, alert and energetic business man.

Mr. Finston was married on the 2d of September, 1914, to Miss Pearl Aaronson. Mr. and Mrs. Finston have become parents of two children: Alice Cyrelle, five years of age; and Gladys, aged two. Mr. Finston finds his recreation largely in baseball and is a devotee of the national game. He is well known in club circles, belonging to the Petroleum, Country and Automobile Clubs, and in their membership is ever warmly welcomed because of the sterling traits of his character and his genial disposition, which everywhere makes for popularity.

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### WALTER NEWTON CHITWOOD.

Said one who has been observing the record of Walter Newton Chitwood for a number of years: "My observation of him in the practice of law in the various courts of Tulsa county and elsewhere leads me to place him among the leading lawyers of his age." Mr. Chitwood is yet a young man and large opportunity lies before him in the future. He was born December 13, 1891, in what is now Delaware county, Oklahoma, formerly the Coocooweescowee



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district of the Cherokee Nation. His parents are Thomas N. and Lucy (England) Chitwood. The father was born in Tennessee, while the mother was of the Cherokee Indian tribe, a native of the territory and a daughter of William England. She is related to Samuel H. Mayes and Joel Mayes, famous chiefs of the Cherokees, the Mayes family having played an important part in the development and progress of the Cherokee Nation. The great-grandmother of Walter N. Chitwood, widely known as "Grandmother" Snell, came from Georgia to the Indian Territory in 1841 and was the owner of the hotel where the Cherokee tribal court held session on Honey Creek. Thomas N. Chitwood, father of Walter N. Chitwood, was born at Estill Springs, Tennessee, in 1864, and was the son of a well known attorney. He was educated at Pea Ridge College at Pea Ridge, Arkansas, and afterward took up the profession of teaching in the Cherokee Nation, in which work he continued from 1884 until 1894. It was in 1890 that he wedded Lucy England, who was educated in the national schools of the Cherokees. Mr. Chitwood afterward followed farming in Craig county and became a most prominent and influential citizen there in connection with political interests and civic affairs. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and in many ways influenced public thought and action while a resident of Vinita. He now lives at Broken Arrow.

Walter N. Chitwood obtained his early education in the common schools of the Cherokee Nation and in the Vinita high school. He also spent three years as a student in the Cherokee Male Seminary at Tahlequah, attending there until that institution was destroyed by fire. Later he was for three years in the Southeastern State Normal School at Durant and during his college days was very prominent in athletics and in football, serving as captain of the 1913 championship team, an all normal team which was made an all state team, Mr. Chitwood being half back. He also won a reputation as a sprinter, as a tennis player and as a baseball player. It was in February, 1914, that he entered the law department and while pursuing his legal studies he was captain of the law football team. He likewise became a member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity during his college days and was key man of the Phi Alpha Delta in recognition of his general high scholarship and his oratorical ability. He was made chief justice of Harlan Chapter of the Phi Alpha and was chief of the Indian club known as Oklushe Degataga, meaning "tribes standing together," composed of the Indians of six tribes.

While a student in the Oklahoma University Mr. Chitwood was also very active in Masonic circles and is a member of Norman Lodge, No. 38, A. F. & A. M.; Lion Chapter, No. 24, R. A. M.; and the commandery at Norman. He likewise became identified with India Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Oklahoma City, and he now belongs to the Masonic Club of Tulsa.

Following the completion of his law course Mr. Chitwood entered upon the active practice of his profession in 1916 and now gives his attention to general law practice, making, however, a specialty of oil interests.

In December, 1913, Mr. Chitwood was married in Muskogee to Miss Beatrice Tiblow, a half Cherokee, who was educated in the nation schools and in Central College at Lexington, Missouri. She is a daughter of William S. and Lulu (Charley) Tiblow and the ancestral home is near Skiatook, Oklahoma. Mr. and Mrs. Chitwood have become parents of two children: Juanita Charlotte, her Indian name being Ka-lee-la, or songbird; and Walter Newton, Jr.

Mr. Chitwood belongs to the Acacia Club of Tulsa. He is active in democratic politics, staunchly supporting the principles of the party, is much interested in civic problems and at all times his aid and influence are on the side

of progress and improvement. He was also very active in war work. He became one of the organizers of the University of Oklahoma Club at Tulsa, but all other interests in his life are made subservient to his law practice, which is of an important character, and it has been said that, "Mr. Chitwood is able to present the most complicated question in a concise, straightforward manner and in so doing gains the confidence and attention of all who hear him."

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#### RALPH C. RILEY.

Ralph C. Riley, manager for the Oklahoma Central Oil Company at Tulsa, was born in Olean, New York, February 7, 1877, and is one of a family of six children, all of whom are living, the parents being M. F. and Martha (Wands) Riley, both of whom are also natives of the Empire state. The father was a wholesale grocer, conducting business along that line for many years, but is now living retired in Olean, enjoying the fruits of his former industry and effort. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Ralph C. Riley obtained a public and high school education in his native town and starting out in the business world became identified with the oil industry in the fields of West Virginia and of Illinois. In 1917 he came to Tulsa, where he has since remained, and his operations in connection with oil production of this section of the state have been carried on as the general superintendent of the Oklahoma Central Oil Company. He has made a close study of conditions, particularly production and marketing of oil, and is displaying marked capability in handling the duties of the office that devolve upon him.

In 1907 Mr. Riley was married to Miss Eva Wright of Sistrerville, West Virginia, and they have become parents of a son, James W., ten years of age, and a daughter, Elizabeth, aged eight. Mr. Riley is a Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the Mystic Shrine and is a worthy follower of the teachings and purposes of the craft. He belongs to the City Club and Tulsa's welfare and advancement are a matter of deep concern to him. He cooperates in many measures for the public good and he occupies an enviable position as a citizen, in his business relations and in social circles.

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#### GEORGE WATSON DAVIS.

George Watson Davis of Tulsa, was born in Emporia, Kansas, September 3, 1885. His father, W. W. Davis, living in Chelsea, Oklahoma, was formerly a railroad man, but is now living retired. He has long been an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He married Verna Smith, who was born in Grafton, West Virginia, and they have become the parents of two children, the daughter being Mrs. J. C. Taylor of Chelsea, the wife of a well known physician of that place.

George Watson Davis attended the public schools of Emporia, Kansas, and Raton, New Mexico, and afterwards completed a commercial course at Muskogee, Oklahoma. Subsequently he occupied a position in connection with the Indian agency at Muskogee, Oklahoma, and in 1906 came to Tulsa. Here he entered upon the study of law, but the condition of his eyes made it impossible

for him to continue his preparation for the bar. He spent five years in the courthouse as clerk of the court, and on the expiration of that period became connected with the oil industry, holding responsible positions with some of the largest oil companies. Taking complete charge of, reorganizing and refinancing the Parkville Oil Corporation, with which company he served two years, was his latest work. He drilled the first well at Ardmore, when Hewitt field was first discovered in 1920. It was a six hundred and fifty barrel well. He has succeeded by reason of his ability and close application, and has always borne a high reputation for honesty and integrity, for punctuality and promptness.

In 1910 Mr. Davis was married to Miss Caroline Jones of Cameron, Missouri, and to them have been born five children: George Watson, Jr., twelve years of age; Allen D.; Louise; Dorothy and Gordon. Mr. Davis has always been a consistent supporter of the democratic party, formerly taking a helpful interest in its work. Fraternally he is connected with Petroleum Lodge, No. 474, A. F. & A. M., and has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in the Consistory at McAlester, Oklahoma. He is fond of fishing and hunting and other phases of outdoor life, but never allows these things to interfere with the faithful control and management of the business interests in his care.

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#### GREY MOORE.

Grey Moore (wife, Zella S.), member of the Tulsa bar, specializing in corporation law, was born in Wood county, Texas, November 7, 1879, and is one of a family of seven children, whose parents were Melville A. and Elizabeth (Montgomery) Moore. Three of these children are living. The father was born in Tennessee and spent his entire life in the south, living for a time in Texas, and afterwards in Clarksville, Arkansas. He devoted his life to the occupation of farming and was also active in public affairs, serving as county clerk at Clarksville. He served under General Forrest in the Civil war. His religious faith was that of the Presbyterian church and its teaching guided his life till he was called to the home beyond in 1919. The mother, who was born in South Carolina, passed away in 1903.

Grey Moore largely obtained his public school education at Clarksville, Arkansas, where he attended high schools, and later in preparation for a professional career he entered Washington & Lee University in 1905 and was there graduated on the completion of a law course in 1907, at which time the LL. B. degree was conferred upon him. He also became a member of the Phi Kappa Psi, while attending the university. Mr. Moore was admitted to the bar in the year of his graduation, and began practice in Oklahoma the same year. He took up his abode in Tulsa in June, 1916, and entered into a partnership relation under the firm style of West, Sherman, Davidson & Moore. He has always been an earnest student and is a forceful and convincing speaker. Upon any subject which he discusses he is thoroughly informed, his utterances indicating careful preparation and painstaking investigation. One who has known him throughout his professional career speaks of him as one of the best informed young attorneys of the state. He has in large measure concentrated his attention upon corporation law, and he is now associated with a firm that ranks with the most prominent in Oklahoma, representing large oil corporations. His standing among his professional brethren is indicated in the fact that he was in 1913 elected secretary of the Oklahoma State Bar Association. He also belongs to

the Tulsa Bar Association and to the American Bar Association, and the University Club of Tulsa.

He is an active democrat in politics, and has served as assistant county attorney. He has made continuous progress since starting upon his professional career in a calling where advancement depends entirely upon individual merit and ability, and today has a large clientage that connects him with many important litigated interests.

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#### ELMER FORREST HAYDEN, M. D.

Dr. Elmer Forrest Hayden, a prominent surgeon of Tulsa, was born in Carrollton, Kentucky, September 23, 1876. His father, James Madison Hayden, was also a native of Carroll county, Kentucky, and in early manhood devoted his attention to the occupation of farming and stock raising. At the time of the Civil war he enlisted in the Fourth Kentucky Cavalry under General Morgan and on three occasions was wounded. He afterward resumed agricultural pursuits in his native state, giving his attention largely to the cultivation of tobacco and barley. In 1900 he went to Nashville, Tennessee, where he had land interests and his remaining days were devoted to the supervision of his property interests there. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, loyal to its teachings and very active in its work, and he passed away in Nashville in that faith in 1916. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Ellen Lawrence, was born in Henry county, Kentucky.

Dr. Hayden obtained a high school education in Carrollton, Kentucky, and afterward matriculated in the Kentucky Wesleyan College, from which he was graduated with the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1898. He then entered the Louisville Medical College, where he studied in preparation for a professional career and later became a student in the University of Nashville and in the University of the South, winning his M. D. degree in 1901. In 1902 he took the degree of Ph. G. He put his theoretical training to the practical test by at once entering upon the active work of the profession and later became a student in the Polyclinic Hospital at New York, where he specialized in surgery until 1904. He then located in Greenville, Mississippi, and here remained until 1907. In that year he opened an office in Nashville, Tennessee, where he specialized in the treatment of nervous diseases and of surgical cases, with the idea of developing a surgical institute, establishing a sanitarium in that city. For four years he there resided and in 1911 came to Tulsa, and since 1915 he has confined his attention exclusively to surgery. He is recognized as a most thorough student of his profession and belongs to the Tulsa County Medical Society, the Oklahoma State Medical Association, the American Medical Association, the Southern Medical Association, the Tri-State Medical Association, the Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee State Medical Associations, and the Nashville Academy of Medicine. Aside from his practice he has become interested in mining and oil in the southwest and has made judicious investments along those lines.

Dr. Hayden was married to Miss Adda Elizabeth Amaker and they have one daughter, Mary Addaline. Dr. Hayden became one of the organizers and charter members of the Tulsa Chapter of the Sons of the Confederacy and for several years he was surgeon-in-chief of the United States organization of the Sons of the Confederacy. He is well known in Masonic circles, having become



*Storval Hayden*



a member of the lodge at Winchester, Kentucky, and of the Consistory at McAlester, Oklahoma, and he also belongs to Akdar Temple of the Mystic Shrine and to Saba Grotto. His name is on the membership rolls of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He gives his political endorsement to the democratic party and his religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church, South. He belongs also to the Country Club, the Automobile Club of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and the University Club, and during the World war was a member of the Medical Advisory Board. The sterling traits of his character are many and all who know him speak of him in terms of high regard.

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### FRANK A. GILLESPIE.

Frank A. Gillespie, oil producer of Tulsa who has enjoyed notable success, has through the development of the natural resources of the state contributed in large measure to the progress and prosperity of this section of the country. He comes from a region where oil was one of the early and profitable productive industries, for his birth occurred in Oil City, Pennsylvania, April 22, 1869, his parents being J. B. and Mary Gillespie. The father was connected with the early development of the oil fields of Pennsylvania. At the time of the Civil war, however, he put aside all business and personal considerations and joined the army, participating with the Union forces in a number of important engagements. On one occasion he was captured and for a time was incarcerated at Andersonville and in Libby prison. He belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church and commanded the respect, confidence and goodwill of all who knew him. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Randolph, was born in Clarion county, Pennsylvania, and by her marriage became the mother of two children.

Frank A. Gillespie pursued a public school education and his youthful days gave little indication of what the future held in store for him, but he early displayed the substantial qualities of thoroughness, earnestness and energy and upon these as a basis he has builded his success. For sixteen years he has made his home in Oklahoma and throughout his entire life he has been connected with the oil industry, with which he became identified when in Pennsylvania. He entered the oil fields of Oklahoma as a pioneer and has operated most extensively and successfully through the intervening years until today, largely as the result of his operations in oil, his income is very large. He has not confined his attention, however, entirely to this line. He says that his hobby is the breeding of fine Hereford and blooded cattle and he is the owner of some of the most valuable cattle to be found in the southwest. Moreover, he is interested in the Gila Water Company, which is engaged in the building of the Gillespie dam, whereby one hundred thousand acres of land will be reclaimed for cultivation under the irrigation system. The work was begun in January, 1918. The dam is located at Gila Bend, fifty miles southwest of Phoenix, Arizona, on the Southern Pacific Railroad, and will be completed on the 1st of June, 1921. It is to be eighteen hundred and seventy-five feet in length and the water in the lake will be twenty feet in depth. It is not a storage dam but a diversion dam and one of the largest of its kind in the world. This will make a great section of the Gila River valley an agricultural and horticultural district. It has already been demonstrated that some of the finest cotton in the world can be grown

here, dates have been successfully raised, citrus fruit are profitably cultivated and many other highly productive crops are seen in this region. The canal is forty miles in length and thus a great area is irrigated in a district where there are three hundred and sixty-five growing days in every year.

In 1890 Mr. Gillespie was united in marriage to Miss Maude McCoy, of Pennsylvania, and they have become the parents of three children: Bernard A.; Lester A., who attended the Kansas University and is now married and lives in Tulsa; and Palmie Betty Elizabeth. The elder son, Bernard A., married Katherine Kerr, of Muskogee, and they have a daughter, Eugene Kerr Gillespie.

Fraternally Mr. Gillespie is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. In politics he maintains an independent course, voting for men and measures rather than party. He was on the first city commission, serving for four months, but has never been an office holder, preferring that his public duties shall be done as a private citizen. He cooperates with every interest that he believes will be of benefit to the community, commonwealth or country and his labors have been a most potent force in the development of the southwest, particularly in the utilization of the natural resources. Bringing to bear the experience which he had obtained in the oil fields of Pennsylvania and of Ohio, he came to the southwest with its limitless opportunities and here has so directed his efforts that he has become one of the capitalists of Tulsa, prominently known as an oil producer and also through his connection with the breeding of fine stock and the development of the southwest through the promotion of the Gila Water Company and the building of the Gillespie dam. His judgment is at all times sound and he displays notable capability in discriminating between the essential and the non-essential in all business affairs.

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#### CLAUDE H. TERWILLEGER.

A substantial citizen and reliable business man is Claude H. Terwilliger, who is conducting a real estate business in Tulsa. He entered upon this field of activity in 1914 and through the intervening period of seven years has gained a large clientage and done much to develop and improve the city through handling high class property. He was born on a farm in Linn county, Missouri, January 12, 1879, and is a son of Calvin H. and Anna (Brown) Terwilliger. The father was born in Amsterdam, New York, where he devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits, winning a substantial measure of success. At the time of the Civil war he enlisted in the Union army, serving for three years and then reenlisting for the remainder of the war. He thus rendered valuable aid to the country in maintaining the Union intact. He belonged to the Presbyterian church, and fraternally was connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His death occurred in Brookfield, Missouri. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Anna Brown, was also a native of the Empire state and her death occurred in Linn county, Missouri, December 20, 1920. She was the mother of five children, all of whom are living.

Claude H. Terwilliger spent his youthful days in his native county, his boyhood experiences being those that usually fall to the lot of the farm bred lad. After starting out in the business world he became a merchant at Covington, Oklahoma, where he conducted a general store, becoming a resident of this state in 1906. He has made his home in Tulsa since 1914 and here he established



a real estate business, recognizing the splendid opportunities afforded in that field of labor by reason of the rapid growth and development of the city, which within a period of two decades has increased its population almost seventyfold. Mr. Terwilliger handles high class property and has a large clientele. He has negotiated the sale of much of the best property in Tulsa and is widely known for his reliability and for his enterprise.

Mr. Terwilliger was instrumental in getting correct names for streets and the placing of signs at street corners, serving on a committee appointed for this purpose. The plan used was so good that it is being copied in an eastern city. He has been very active in the promotion of home building plans for Tulsa.

On the 19th of September, 1906, Mr. Terwilliger was married to Miss Mary Jenkins of Carrollton, Missouri. He is well known in social connections, belonging to the City Club, the Kiwanis Club, the Real Estate Exchange and the Chamber of Commerce. He also has membership with the Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen. In politics he maintains an independent course, and his religious faith is that of the Christian Science church. High principles have governed him in every relation of life and he is continually seeking to reach an advanced standard, whether in business or in personal relations. Those who know him—and his acquaintance is wide—speak of him in terms of the highest regard.

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#### HON. MAURICE ANTHONY BRECKINRIDGE.

Hon. Maurice Anthony Breckinridge, who has the distinction of having served as the first county attorney of Tulsa county, and who was elected the first judge of the superior court of the county, remained upon the bench until 1918, since which time he has given his attention to the private practice of law, and is regarded as one of the eminent representatives of the bar of this state. He was born in Fincastle, Virginia, February 26, 1880, a son of George W. and Anne (Hamner) Breckinridge. The father was born in Virginia, where the family has been represented since 1700. George W. Breckinridge was also a member of the bar and served in his community as judge. He received military training at the Virginia Military Institute, raised a company for service in the Civil war and for two years was a captain in the Confederate army, being the youngest man to hold that rank. He won distinction as a lawyer and judge, as well as through his early military prowess, and he was, moreover, highly esteemed because of his sterling personal worth. He passed away in 1911. His wife, who was also born in Virginia, has likewise departed this life. They were the parents of eight children, six of whom are living.

Maurice A. Breckinridge obtained his early education in public and preparatory schools of Virginia, pursuing his studies in Botetourt county, while later he entered the Washington & Lee University in preparation for the practice of law and gained his LL. B. degree in 1902. During his college days he became a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon, a fraternity of the university. He was admitted to the bar in 1903 and then went to New York where he practiced for two years. There he was first associated with the firm of Bowers & Sands and afterwards with the firm of Wing, Putnam & Birmingham, prominent admiralty lawyers. Later he returned to Virginia and opened a law office in Roanoke, there continued for two years, and then came to Oklahoma, settling in Tulsa

in 1905. He became the first county attorney of Tulsa county and was elected the first judge of the superior court of Tulsa county, occupying the position from the date of the organization of that court until January, 1918, when he retired from the bench and entered upon the private practice of his profession. A most liberal clientage is accorded him and he is recognized as a lawyer of high standing. As a judge he rendered decisions which were strictly fair and impartial, being based upon a comprehensive knowledge of the law and the equity in the case. His handling of a cause before the courts is always comprehensive, based upon thorough preparation and ability to recognize readily the salient features. He belongs to both the Oklahoma State and the American Bar Associations.

In 1905 Judge Breckinridge was united in marriage to Miss Julia Robertson of Roanoke and they became the parents of two children: William R. and Anne Anthony. In October, 1920, Judge Breckinridge was again married, his first wife having departed this life in 1916. His second union was with Mrs. A. F. Burton. In politics the judge is an active democrat, laboring untiringly to promote the interests of his party. Fraternally he is connected with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, but it is as a lawyer and judge that he is most widely known. His recorded opinions are monuments to his profound legal learning and superior ability and show a thorough mastery of the questions involved, a rare simplicity of style and an admirable terseness and clearness in the statement of the principles upon which the opinions rest.

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#### A. WINFREY PIGFORD, M.D.

Coming to Tulsa in June, 1917, Dr. A. Winfrey Pigford has since engaged in practice here, confining his attention largely to gynecological and surgical cases. He has developed his ability through wide reading and study as well as through experience and his standing as a representative of the profession is most creditable. He was born in Meridian, Lauderdale county, Mississippi, October 24, 1883, his parents being C. A. and Annie (Westbrook) Pigford, who are also natives of Mississippi. The father has long been a railway official and is now general superintendent of the Gulf, Mobile & Northern Railroad, making his home at Laurel, Mississippi. For years he was associated with the Mobile & Ohio Railroad. Both he and his wife are consistent followers of the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church. They have had a family of thirteen children, nine of whom are living.

A. Winfrey Pigford, pursuing his education in the public schools, passed through consecutive grades to the high school and afterward attended the University of Mississippi and won his professional degree upon graduation with the class of 1907. He then entered the University of Alabama, taking post-graduate work, and later became a student of Tulane University, taking post-graduate work also there. During his college days he became a member of the Kappa Psi fraternity. Having prepared for active practice by internship at Vicksburg Charity Hospital, he opened an office in Meridian, Mississippi, where he remained for ten years and gained prominence as a physician and surgeon. He was honored with the presidency of the Lauderdale County Medical Society and with the vice presidency of the Mississippi State Medical Association. Attracted by the opportunities offered in the growing city of Tulsa Dr. Pigford removed to this state in June, 1917, and that he was not long in winning



DR. A. WINFREY PIGFORD



professional recognition here is indicated in the fact that in December, 1920, he was elected president of the Tulsa County Medical Society. He is also a member of the American Medical Association, the Oklahoma State Medical Association and the Southern Medical Association. During the World war he was with the army for four months at Camp McArthur with the rank of lieutenant. He is now concentrating his efforts and energies upon his professional duties and has won prominence in the field of gynecology and surgery. He is a most ethical follower of the profession and stands very high in medical circles, although a resident of Tulsa for but a comparatively brief period.

In 1910 Dr. Pigford was united in marriage to Miss Mary Baxter of Meridian, Mississippi, a daughter of Samuel A. and Sarah Baxter. They have become parents of one child, Mary Evelyn, nine years of age.

Dr. Pigford is a York Rite Mason and also a member of the Mystic Shrine. He became identified with the Shrine in Mississippi and has demitted to Akdar Temple in Tulsa. He is much interested in athletics as a means of physical development and diversion and he belongs to the Lions Club, the City Club, the Automobile Club and the University Club. He also takes an active and helpful interest in church work, having membership in the Boston Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, South, of which he is serving as a steward. While his professional ability has brought him prominence, his social qualities have gained him popularity and Tulsa assigns him to a place in the front ranks of the medical profession in this section of the state.

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### JOHN BARNARD FOSTER.

John Barnard Foster, president and treasurer of the Foster Oil Company of Tulsa, has for a number of years operated most extensively and successfully in the oil fields of Oklahoma, and the soundness of his judgment, his business enterprise and his keen discrimination have been manifested in all that he has undertaken. Mr. Foster is a native of Asheville, North Carolina. He was born July 21, 1889, and is a son of F. M. and Martha Elizabeth (Jerrett) Foster, the former a native of Alabama, while the latter was born in North Carolina. The father is now living retired from active business, making his home in Tulsa. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and also of the Baptist church. To him and his wife were born four children, three of whom have passed away.

John Barnard Foster, the only surviving member of the family, pursued his early education in the public schools of Asheville, North Carolina, where he completed a high school course and then entered the Bingham Military Academy. He became a resident of Oklahoma in 1902, and accepted a position in the American National Bank of McAlester, which he held until 1907. In that year he became cashier of the McAlester Trust Company and occupied the position until 1911, when failing health forced him to resign. It was a year and a half later that Mr. Foster became a resident of Ardmore, there remaining from 1912 until 1914. In the latter year he came to Tulsa and has since made this city his home, being identified with the oil industry. In 1913 he organized the Wrightsman & Foster Oil Company and in 1914 organized the Foster Oil Company, of which he is the president and treasurer. In the same year he organized the Wrightsman & Foster Petroleum Company, and in 1916, the Sunflower Oil Company. He was a prominent figure in the opening of the Heaton pool in Carter county, Oklahoma, this being a large producer of that district at one

time. He likewise became extensively interested in the operation of oil fields in Butler county and shortly after the opening of the Bull Bayou pool in Louisiana he purchased an interest in valuable holdings and soon secured a large output of oil in that region. He is prominently known in oil circles and his judgment has led to judicious investment, returning splendid success. He is likewise known in financial circles as a director of the First National Bank of Tulsa.

On the 30th of January, 1918, Mr. Foster was married to Miss Leona Camden Kline, a daughter of William M. Kline of Parkersburg, West Virginia. Their wedding was celebrated in Chicago, Illinois, and they have become the parents of two daughters: Frances Eliza and Dorothy Jane. The religious faith of Mr. and Mrs. Foster is that of the Baptist church. Fraternally Mr. Foster is connected with Masonry, belonging to McAlester Lodge, A. F. & A. M. He has likewise attained the Knights Templar degree in the York Rite, has taken the Scottish Rite degrees and is a Noble of Akdar Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs to the City Club and to the Chamber of Commerce and is interested in all that pertains to the progress and welfare of Tulsa and the state. He and his wife are prominent in social circles and Mr. Foster is counted one of its representative business men.

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### VICTOR HARMON HUGHES.

Victor H. Hughes, whom many regard as the foremost geologist in the state of Oklahoma, while none dispute his right to rank with the foremost in the line of his profession, was born in Fort Scott, Kansas, August 16, 1885. His father, George S. Hughes, is a native of Linesville, Pennsylvania, while the grandfather in the paternal line was also born in Pennsylvania. George S. Hughes, who became a merchant, carried on business for a number of years in Pennsylvania and also for a considerable period in Kansas having removed to the latter state in the '70s. He is now living retired, enjoying in well earned rest the fruits of his former toil. His religious faith is that of the Universalist church and fraternally he is connected with the Masons. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Sylvania Wiser, was also born in Linesville, Pennsylvania, and by her marriage has become the mother of four children.

Mr. Hughes was largely reared in Sabetha, Kansas, where he pursued his public and high school education. He afterwards attended the Missouri School of Mines at Rolla, Missouri, and was graduated with the degree of Mining Engineer as a member of the class of 1907. He then became interested in mining in the Southwest, largely in Colorado, and from 1908 to 1914 he filled the position of assistant state geologist, with offices at Rolla, Missouri. On the expiration of that period he came to Tulsa, arriving in the spring of 1914, and through the intervening period has practiced as a consulting geologist. Leading corporations for which he has done much geological work speak of him in terms of the highest commendation and many rank him as the foremost in his chosen profession. His knowledge of the business is comprehensive and exact and he is continually broadening his geologic wisdom through further study and experience. Moreover, the integrity of his business methods is never called into question. He belongs to the American Institute of Mining Engineers and to the American Association of Petroleum Geologists. He is also a member of the Beta Chi chapter of the Kappa Sigma, and is a member of Tau Beta Pi, an honorary engineering society.

On the 22d of February, 1919, Mr. Hughes was married to Miss Anna Laura Campbell, a native of Tennessee and a daughter of Judge A. M. Campbell, the marriage being celebrated in Springfield, Missouri. Mr. Hughes is a Mason, identified also with the Knights Templar Commandery at Rolla, Missouri, and with Akdar Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Tulsa. He is fond of hunting, to which he turns for recreation and diversion. He also spends much of his leisure time in reading and is a well informed man, his broad knowledge covering a wide range of subjects. His professional activity, however, claims the major part of his time and attention and in his chosen field he has been very successful, while many prominent oil developments of Oklahoma have been made through his efforts. Philanthropy also features in his life and he has been most generous in his support of various benevolent objects and of various projects which tend to uplift mankind and benefit the community at large.

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### BENJAMIN MOSSMAN.

Benjamin Mossman is a partner in the firm of Roach & Mossman, one of the leading law firms of Tulsa. He comes to the southwest from New England, his birth having occurred in Lowell, Massachusetts, April 9, 1879. His parents were Alvaro E. and Mary Ann (Eacott) Mossman, the former a native of California, while the latter was born in England. The father was a physician who practiced for many years in Lowell and in Westminster, Massachusetts. He was prominent in his community, and belonged to the Masonic fraternity. He passed away in 1913 and is still survived by the mother. Their family numbered six children, all whom are living.

Benjamin Mossman was a pupil in the Cushing Academy in his youthful days and afterward attended Williams College, from which he was graduated with the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1902. This constituted an excellent foundation upon which to rear the superstructure of professional learning when he decided to become a member of the bar and began preparation for the practice of law. He was admitted to the bar upon examination before the federal court at Muskogee in 1907. In the meantime he had been principal of the Blee's Military Academy which is located at Macon, Missouri. For four years he was active as an Indian agent, representing the United States government in Indian affairs, and in 1909 became associated with the Gulf Pipe Line Company. He was also connected for a time with the Gypsy Oil Company but at present is concentrating his efforts and energy upon law practice and his clientage is of an important character. The firm of Roach & Mossman ranks with the prominent legal firms of the state and the partners enjoy an enviable reputation by reason of their fidelity to the interests of their clients, which with them, however, never overshadows the fact that they owe a still higher allegiance to the majesty of the law. Mr. Mossman is a member of the Muskogee Bar Association, the Oklahoma State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. While at Muskogee, Oklahoma, he was secretary of and active in the work of the Red Cross, secretary and counsel of the County Council of Defense; and secretary and treasurer of the Local Canteen. He was congressman from Muskogee, representing the third congressional district, and was a member of the Indian Territory Military Guard.

In 1905 was celebrated the marriage of Benjamin Mossman and Miss Myrta

Bixby. He is interested in athletics, to which he turns for diversion, and is well known as a representative of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the lodge, chapter and commandery, while in the consistory he has attained the fourteenth degree of the Scottish Rite. He has also crossed the sands of the desert with the Nobles of Bedouin Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He votes with the republican party and keeps well informed on the vital questions and issues of the day. He belongs to the Petroleum Club and thus his activities and interests cover a wide range, for he keeps in touch with the trend of modern thought and progress and at all times is ready to give his aid and support to every plan and measure for the general good.

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### FREDERICK ROBERT HALLIBURTON.

Frederick Robert Halliburton is the secretary-treasurer of the Halliburton-Abbott Company, owning one of the leading dry goods houses of Tulsa. His life has been dominated by a progressive spirit, his labors have been most intelligently directed and by his thoroughness and capability he has gained a prominent position in the commercial circles of his adopted city. Missouri numbers Mr. Halliburton among her native sons, his birth having occurred in Linneus, January 16, 1876. His father, Thomas Halliburton, was also a native of that place and devoted his life to merchandising. He wedded Mollie C. Russell, a native of Virginia, and they became the parents of three sons: Frederick R., Russell Boyd and James Cole. Both parents have now passed away. The father was a merchant of Brookfield, Missouri, from 1887 until the time of his demise, which occurred on the 8th of June, 1917, while the mother survived until the 26th of November, 1920. She was a very active factor in business circles as well as in social life. Mr. Halliburton was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and was also a consistent follower of the teachings of the Presbyterian church.

Frederick R. Halliburton obtained a public school education and passed through consecutive grades to the completion of a course in the high school of Brookfield, Missouri. He likewise attended the Gem City Business College and early in his career was connected with banking. He afterward became associated with his father in merchandising at Brookfield and in the year 1917 removed to Oklahoma, where his brother had located in May of the previous year. Through the intervening period he has been identified with mercantile pursuits in this state and is now the secretary-treasurer of the Halliburton-Abbott Company, of which L. E. Abbott is the president and James C. Halliburton the vice president, his brother, Russell Boyd, of Oklahoma City, is the secretary and treasurer. Thus the three brothers of the family figure prominently in connection with commercial interests in Oklahoma and at all times have been actuated by a most progressive spirit.

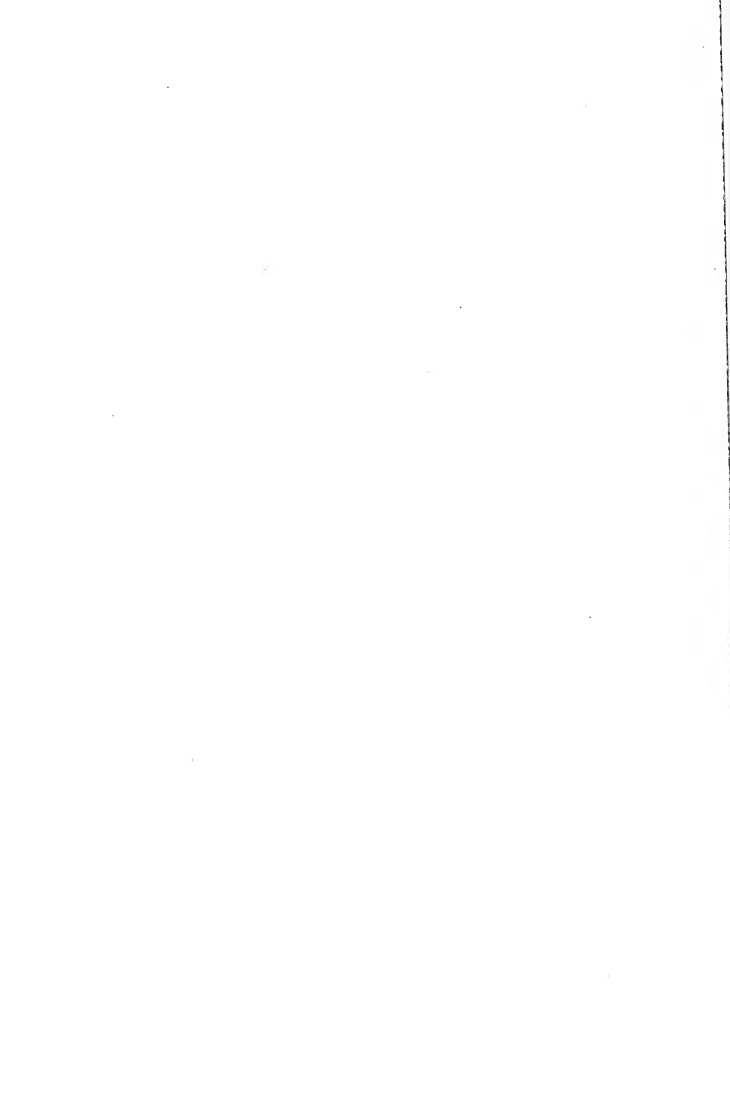
On the 25th of December, 1898, Frederick R. Halliburton was married to Miss Josephine Lamb of Brookfield, a daughter of Charles E. Lamb. They have become parents of two sons: Virgil F., nineteen years of age; and John J., seventeen years of age.

Mr. Halliburton is a Mason, belonging to Petroleum Lodge, No. 474, A. F. & A. M., and he has also taken the degrees of the York and Scottish Rites, belonging to the chapter, commandery and consistory. He is likewise a member of Akdar Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is well known in club circles, belong-





FREDERICK R. HALLIBURTON



ing to the Petroleum Club, the Country Club, the City Club and the Automobile Club, and his personal qualities make for popularity wherever he is known, so that the circle of his friends is a very extensive one.

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### J. REA OWEN.

Through his connection with the Tulsa Realty Company, J. Rea Owen has become an active factor in the real estate circles of the city and has also been interested in oil in this section. He was born in Anniston, Alabama, December 2, 1889, a son of W. Thomas and Della K. (Simms) Owen, who were likewise natives of Alabama. In the public schools of his native city, in private schools and in the W. A. White preparatory school of Anniston, J. Rea Owen pursued his studies until qualified to enter upon an academic course in the Alabama Presbyterian College at Anniston. He later attended the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, where he studied architecture and mechanical engineering, and subsequently he engaged in the automobile business at Anniston as a dealer in Ford cars.

The year 1912 witnessed the arrival of Mr. Owen in Tulsa and here he engaged in the automobile business and was also active as an oil producer with the Sun Oil Company. He is president of the Union Realty Company and operates individually under the name of the Tulsa Realty Company, handling all kinds of real estate and building houses. He is active as a member of the Real Estate Exchange and is well known in the business circles of his adopted city.

Mr. Owen was married to Miss Gertrude Irwin and they already have won many friends in Tulsa. Mr. Owen belongs to Petroleum Lodge, No. 474, A. F. & A. M., and to Oklahoma Consistory, No. 1, A. A. S. R., of Guthrie. He likewise has membership in Akdar Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Tulsa. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and his interest in community affairs is indicated in his membership in the Commercial Club. He cooperates heartily in all the plans and purposes of this organization for Tulsa's benefit and upbuilding and the extension of its business relations and is particularly helpful where civic interests are involved.

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### JAMES W. WOODFORD.

James W. Woodford is a western man by birth, training and preference. He was born at Burlington, Kansas, his parents being J. E. and Ella (Pettigrew) Woodford. The father was born in Syracuse, New York, in 1845 and was reared to farm life. He began teaching school in the Empire state and afterward removed to Illinois, where he met and married Miss Ella M. Pettigrew, who was born in Sterling, Illinois, in 1851. In 1875 they removed to Kansas, where Mr. Woodford engaged in the grocery business in Burlington. In 1885 he turned his attention to real estate dealing and grain buying and also established an insurance agency in connection with his real estate business.

James W. Woodford obtained a public school education in Burlington and afterward attended the State Normal School for a year. He entered the law department of the University of Kansas and was graduated with the LL. B.

degree in 1905. He played baseball during his college days, winning three K's, was a member of the Beta Theta Pi, college fraternity, and the Phi Delta Phi, a legal fraternity.

Mr. Woodford entered upon the practice of law in Clay Center, Kansas, in 1905 and in 1906 he removed to Tulsa. In 1908 he became an associate of C. J. Hindman and this connection was maintained until 1914, when Mr. Woodford was elected county judge and took his place upon the bench, withdrawing from that position in 1916 to enter the legal department of Cosden & Company. He became one of the original stockholders and a member of the first board of directors of the Title Guarantee & Trust Company and has since figured prominently as one of the directing forces in the business of this corporation, being now vice president and trust officer. He was also one of the organizers and the first president of the West Tulsa State Bank and was elected to the presidency of the Oklahoma Association of Title Men for 1920-21.

In Gray county, Kansas, in 1908, Mr. Woodford was married to Miss Julia M. Slaughter, a daughter of J. M. and Emma Slaughter, both of whom are natives of Missouri. In 1887 they removed to Kansas, where Mr. Slaughter secured a homestead near Dodge City and was well known among the ranchers of western Kansas, where he lived until 1910 and then removed to southeastern Kansas, where he is engaged in farming. Mr. and Mrs. Woodford have become parents of three children: James G., born July 30, 1909; Gilbert M., born May 3, 1913; and Margaret E., born October 12, 1919.

Mr. Woodford has always given his political allegiance to the democratic party and in 1907 was elected city councilman of Tulsa from the fourth ward. In the following year he was elected police judge and was again called to office with his election to the position of county judge. Various public honors have been conferred upon him outside of political association. In 1912 he was the president of the Tulsa Bar Association and in the same year he filled the position of exalted ruler of the Elks Lodge No. 946. He served on the board of directors and as vice president of the Rotary Club in 1920-21 and he is a well known member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Tulsa Lodge, No. 71, A. F. & A. M.; Oklahoma Consistory, No. 1, A. A. S. R., of Guthrie; and Akdar Temple of the Mystic Shrine in Tulsa.

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### ALMA REID MCGLENN.

Alma Reid McGlenn, the efficient librarian of the Tulsa library, is a native of Mount Pleasant, Ohio. Her parents, Thomas and Sarah (Hogg) McGlenn, were also natives of the Buckeye state, where the father followed the occupation of farming as a life work. He guided his life by the teachings of the Presbyterian church, of which he was a consistent member, and he passed away in 1891. His wife was born on the old family homestead three miles east of Mount Pleasant, Ohio, a daughter of James Hogg, who served as a soldier in the War of 1812, while his father was one of the heroes of the Revolutionary war, fighting for the independence of the nation. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McGlenn were two children, the brother of Miss McGlenn of this review being a physician of Wheeling, West Virginia.

In the acquirement of her education Alma R. McGlenn attended and graduated from the high school at Mount Pleasant, after which she was privately

tutored for two years. She was graduated from the Carnegie Library School at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and in 1913 came to Tulsa to accept the position of librarian here. She assisted in organizing the South Side Branch Carnegie Library in Pittsburgh and was connected therewith for four years, so that she had definite and valuable experience before coming to Tulsa. She has rendered most capable service in this connection since her removal to the southwest and Tulsa prides herself upon her well managed library.

Miss McGlenn has been elected an honorary member of the Woman's Club of this city and she also has membership with the Daughters of the American Revolution, while her religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. She is a lady of broad and liberal culture and occupies an enviable position in those social circles where true worth and intelligence are accepted as passports into good society.

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### WILLIAM FRANK TUCKER.

Public opinion is united on the position which William Frank Tucker occupies as a member of the Tulsa bar. His ability is so widely recognized that he is classed with the eminent attorneys of the state and his power and effectiveness in handling important litigated interests is attested by the court records. Tulsa was but entering upon the era of its rapid and marvelous growth when he took up his abode in the city, establishing his home here in 1905, since which time he has given his attention to an ever growing law practice. His birth occurred on a farm in Platte county, Missouri, November 4, 1879, his parents being Alfred Clinton and Florence (Owens) Tucker, the former a native of Bourbon county, Kentucky, and the latter of Missouri. After leaving his native state the father became a resident of Missouri and subsequently removed to Colorado. In early manhood he engaged in farming, while subsequently he devoted his attention to the wholesale and retail grocery business. He belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church and his life was ever actuated by high and honorable principles, which has caused his memory to be revered since he passed away in 1896. In the family were three children, but William Frank is the only one now living.

In the public schools of Georgetown, Colorado, William F. Tucker pursued his education for several years and then entered the Camden Point Military Institute at Camden Point, Missouri, becoming captain, the chief student officer. There he was graduated with highest honors with the class of 1899. He then took one year postgraduate in the same school, after which he entered upon preparation for the practice of law, becoming a student in the office and under the direction of Senator Norton B. Anderson. He was admitted to the bar in Platte City, Missouri, upon examination in 1902 and there opened a law office, practicing his profession for three years. Noting the rapid and substantial growth and development of Tulsa, he resolved to cast in his lot with the men who were laying broad and deep the foundation upon which has been built the present progress and prosperity of the city. Accordingly he opened an office here and in the same year entered into his present partnership relation as a member of the firm of Aby & Tucker. This is the oldest law firm in continuous existence in the city. The firm specializes in general corporation law and land titles and its clientage has been of a most important character and of large extent. Mr. Tucker belongs to the Tulsa County, Oklahoma State and Ameri-

can Bar Associations and is likewise a member of the Commercial Law League of America.

In 1918 was celebrated the marriage of William Frank Tucker and Miss Margaret Stackhouse of Concordia, Kansas, and they have become the parents of a daughter, Dorothy Jean. Mr. Tucker holds membership in the Christian church, and his wife in the Presbyterian church, both being greatly interested in the work and progress of Christianity and their respective churches, and Mr. Tucker is also a member of the Petroleum Club. He is likewise interested in the Young Men's and the Young Women's Christian Associations and in politics is a consistent democrat. His interest centers in those channels through which flow the greatest good to the greatest number and his aid and influence are ever on the side of advancement and improvement. Because of his recognized ability his influence has become a potent factor in community affairs and thus he is accounted one of the leading citizens as well as one of the leading lawyers of Tulsa.

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### JOHN MOORE CLOVER.

John Moore Clover, who first became identified with the oil business when a lad of but fourteen years and continued a representative thereof throughout the remainder of his life, was at the time of his demise president of the Clover Oil & Gas Company of Tulsa, a large and successful oil producing concern operating in many fields. He passed away in Tulsa on Thanksgiving day of 1920, when forty-five years of age, his birth having occurred on his father's farm in Clarion county, Pennsylvania, October 11, 1875. His parents were Henry B. and Agnes (Nealy) Clover, the latter now a resident of St. Marys, Ohio. The father, who was a prosperous agriculturist and man of affairs in his community, is deceased.

John M. Clover obtained his education in the public schools of the Keystone state and, as above stated, was but fourteen years of age when he made his initial step in the oil business, working in various humble capacities in the oil fields during summer vacation periods. From that time until his death he was active in all phases of the industry and became very prominent and successful as a producer. It was in 1906 that he came to Tulsa from Wichita, Kansas, where he had been engaged in oil production. Here his interests became extensive and of an important character and when he passed away he held the presidency of the Clover Oil & Gas Company as well as the vice-presidency of the Compression Inner Tube Company of Tulsa and the presidency of a mining company. He was also an officer or director in many large and important business enterprises and his varied interests were conducted most successfully, for he possessed superior executive ability and power. Owing to his keen foresight and discernment, the handsome fortune which he left to his family has been unaffected by the present slump in oil.

In 1903 Mr. Clover was united in marriage to Miss Goldie Ramsbottom, daughter of C. C. Ramsbottom, of Ohio. They became the parents of three sons: Jack Moore, the eldest, was born April 17, 1904, and following his graduation from the Tulsa high school at Christmas time in 1921 will enter the University of Pennsylvania for a financial course; Edward, whose birth occurred in 1909, was called to his final rest in 1919; Harold David, whose natal day was March 17, 1911, is now attending school in Tulsa.

Mr. Clover was a prominent member of the Masonic lodge at St. Marys, Ohio, joined the Scottish Rite body at Fort Scott, Kansas, and also became connected



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with the York Rite. He reached the consistory and was likewise a member of Akdar Temple of the Mystic Shrine. His appreciation of the social amenities of life was indicated in his membership in the Country Club of Tulsa, the City Club, the Automobile Club, the Petroleum Club and many others. Though not a member, he took an active and helpful interest in the work of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Tulsa, to which he was a liberal contributor and of which his widow is a faithful and devoted adherent. A man of kindly spirit, determined, quiet and unassuming, Mr. Clover was very popular among all classes of people. He showed special consideration and helpfulness toward young men and gained the affectionate regard of those in his employ as well as of his associates in business. Though he passed away at the comparatively early age of forty-five years, he had accomplished much that will perpetuate his memory and left to his family a splendid estate as well as the priceless heritage of an untarnished name. Mere success has never, throughout the history of the world, save in a few rare instances, been the cause of any man being remembered by his fellows, and never has the mere accumulation of wealth won honor for the individual. The methods employed in the attainment of wealth, however, may awaken approval and admiration, for the world pays its tribute to him who through enterprise, unrelaxing effort and clear-sighted judgment makes advancement in the business world without infringing on others. Such was the record of John Moore Clover, who throughout his entire life never deviated from a course that he believed to be right. No man came in contact with him but speedily appreciated him at his true worth and knew he was a man who cherished not only a high ideal of duty but who lived up to it. His many friends will miss him, but the memory of his sweet and beautiful life, of his sincerity and simplicity will not be forgotten. Mrs. Clover, who resides in an attractive home at No. 1615 South Owassa street, is also widely and favorably known in Tulsa, in which city she has lived during the past fifteen years.

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#### ALF G. HEGGEM.

Mr. Alf G. Heggem is a native of Salem, Ohio, born July 10, 1875, of the marriage of Charles O. Heggem and Elise R. Boe, both of whom are natives of Norway but were married after coming to the United States. The father crossed the Atlantic in 1869 and is now an active business man of Massillon, Ohio, being vice president of the firm of Russell & Company. To him and his wife have been born four children, two of whom are living.

Alf G. Heggem pursued his early education in the public schools of Salem and Massillon, Ohio, and afterward attended Cornell University of Ithaca, New York, from which he was graduated in 1897 with the degree of Mechanical Engineer. His attention was then given to the manufacture of steam engines, hoisting and conveying machinery at Massillon, Canton, Cleveland and Salem, Ohio, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Chicago, Illinois. He was identified with the Oil Well Supply Company of Pittsburgh from August, 1905, until 1912. He organized and became vice president of the Continental Supply Company, filling that position for a time, and afterward was connected with the United States Bureau of Mines as petroleum engineer in various oil fields from January, 1913, until July, 1915, and subsequently he became president of the Oil Well Improvements Company, remaining in that position at the present time. His activity in the oil fields of the southwest has been notable. In the

initial development of the great Cushing field of Oklahoma he introduced the mud-laden fluid plan for conserving natural gas. In connection with John A. Pollard he spent several months in the Cushing field, where their labors were responsible for the conservation of many millions of feet of gas through the mud-laden system. It is characteristic of Mr. Heggem that he has ever been a close student of conditions having to do with the development of the oil fields, and the firm of which he is now a member is operating under the name of the Oil Well Improvements Company, which indicates much of the nature of their work. In this undertaking he is a partner of Mark E. Davis, and while carrying on the operation of their own wells they have been busily engaged in developing methods whereby the operation could be simplified and improved upon, not only for their own benefit but for the entire oil and gas industry. The Oil Well Improvements Company is capitalized at one million dollars and maintains a warehouse in Tulsa and a factory in Collinsville, Oklahoma. Mr. Heggem has patented many inventions that have to do with the oil industry and his labors are constituting a potent force in the continuous operation of oil fields, the introduction of his "improvements" being a source of much value in this industry.

In 1905 Mr. Heggem was married to Miss Bertha Smith and they have a daughter: Mrs. Norah Lash, the wife of W. A. Lash and now the mother of a little son, W. A. Lash, Jr.

Mr. Heggem is a member of the Trinity Episcopal church, of which he is serving as vestryman. He is past president of the Rotary Club and is a member of the Petroleum Club. He is also well known in Masonic circles, belonging to Clinton Lodge, No. 47, A. F. & A. M., of Massillon, Ohio. He has also taken the York Rite degrees and is a member of Ararat Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. His activities, however, are of a still broader nature, for he is past chairman of the Tulsa section of the American Institute of Mining Engineers and was a member of the Tulsa Civic Allied Committee. He was chairman of engineers in the war industries board. A spirit of progress has actuated him at every point of his career and each forward step brings him a broader outlook and wider opportunities.

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#### CARL I. LARSEN.

Carl I. Larsen, who was with the American army as a member of the Seventieth Engineers in the World war and is now well known in oil circles in Tulsa, was born in Council Bluffs, Iowa, August 20, 1890. His father, Soren Christian, and his mother, Metta Marie Larsen, are natives of Denmark. The father came to the United States thirty-four years ago and for a considerable period was engaged in business with contractors and builders but is now living retired, he and his wife making their home in Council Bluffs, Iowa. They were parents of six children, three of whom have passed away.

In the acquirement of his education Carl I. Larsen attended the public schools of his native city and after completing his high school course was a student in a business college. He came to Tulsa in March, 1918, and has since been interested in oil as a jobber and in the refining branch of the business, becoming manager of the Oneta Refining Company, of which J. P. Howe is president. It is characteristic of Mr. Larsen that he accomplishes what he undertakes. He has never failed in anything and has always met with success in his

business ventures. He is thoroughly honest and reliable and his efforts are put forth not only with the intention of benefiting his own fortunes but also of improving conditions for others.

In 1917 Mr. Larsen joined the army and his service was with the Seventieth Engineers. It has been since his return from the war that Carl I. Larsen has established a home of his own, having been married on the 1st of January, 1920, to Miss Louise M. Gertson, of Council Bluffs, Iowa. They have membership in the Lutheran church and take an active part in religious work. Mr. Larsen has done effective service in the Young Men's Christian Association and is interested in all that safeguards young men and leads to their development along lines that build character and make for personal worth. He often addresses the public upon the Association activities and upon other questions of vital importance and is a clever and convincing speaker.

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#### FAUN WILLIAM FREEBORN.

Faun William Freeborn, prominent in the engineering circles of Tulsa, owes his success and his advancement to perseverance in spite of all manner of obstacles, to great vision of future values in engineering projects and to thorough understanding of every proposition or interest with which he becomes connected. Mr. Freeborn is a native of Wellsville, New York, born April 14, 1875. His parents were D. L. and Emma (Cobb) Freeborn, the former a native of Pennsylvania, while the latter was born in the state of New York. The father is now living retired, making his home in Knoxville, Pennsylvania, but for many years followed the profession of teaching. He is a member of the Baptist church. The mother is deceased. The family numbered four children, and Faun William Freeborn, spending his youthful days under the parental roof, attended the public schools of his native state. He afterward matriculated in Cornell University, from which he was graduated with the M. E. degree as a member of the class of 1897. He was prominent in university affairs and attained eminence in athletics; played tackle and guard on the football team and rowed on the varsity eight; was captain of the famous '96 crew which broke the world record on the Poughkeepsie, and captain of the crew Cornell sent to Henley, England. He has since served in the Athletic Council of the University. He entered upon professional duties as an engineer with the Portland Cement Company of Glens Falls, New York, with which he continued for three years, and later spent a similar period with the Cayuga Lake Cement Company. In 1906 he organized a company at Kansas City, and has since remained a resident of the southwest. During these years he followed general engineering and construction, from sewerage systems to office buildings. Many of the viaducts of the Kansas City Terminal system are his work. The Uncle Sam Portland Cement Plant of Kansas City, The Bonner Springs Portland Cement Plant, and the Kosmos Plant in Kentucky are three of the many Portland cement plants he designed and built. Five years ago the office was removed to Tulsa and he has since practiced as a mechanical engineer in this section of the country, specializing in all forms of petroleum engineering; constructing refineries and making appraisals and valuations for oil companies, bonding houses, etc. He has solved many engineering problems in the matter of eliminating labor and in making short cuts in building cement plants. In this he has shown inventive ingenuity and has displayed marked ability in gathering around

him men capable of assisting him in carrying out his own professional plans and visions. It is characteristic of Mr. Freeborn to talk little and listen much. In a word, his opinions are never hasty and ill-advised but are the result of careful consideration of the problem or a situation, and when he moves it is directly to the goal of his endeavor.

In 1902 Mr. Freeborn was married to Miss Louise Baldwin of Brooklyn, New York. They have four children: Faun William, Jr., seventeen years of age; David Davis, fourteen years; Jane, twelve; and Stephen, a lad of ten years. The two eldest are high school pupils. Mr. Freeborn finds recreation in tennis and in handball and is regarded as an expert tennis player. He never allows anything, however, to interfere with the faithful performance of his professional duties, and aside from practicing as a consulting engineer he has other business interests in Tulsa. As a consulting engineer he maintains an office in Dallas, Texas, and in New York. The Freeborn Engineering Company makes examinations and reports, valuations and appraisals, does designing and constructing for oil and gas industries. The business is today one of extensive proportions and those who come into contact with Mr. Freeborn feel that he is master of every situation with which he becomes associated.

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#### CHARLES EDWARD BUSH.

The bar of Tulsa finds a worthy representative in Charles Edward Bush, who for twenty years has practiced in this state and entered the association of O'Meara, Bush & Moss, on the 1st of January, 1916, which became the firm of Bush, Moss & Owen in 1921. He was born in Bradford, Illinois, March 30, 1870, and is a son of James E. and Anna E. (Dyer) Bush, the former a native of Kentucky, while the latter was born in Connecticut. The father was but three years of age when his parents removed with their family to Illinois, and he was reared in Stark county, of the latter state. At the time of the Civil war he responded to the country's call for troops and joined Company E, One Hundred and Twelfth Illinois Infantry, rendering valuable aid to his country by the loyalty which he displayed to the Union cause. He was admitted to the bar in Stark county, Illinois, and there practiced until 1880, when he removed to Beatrice, Nebraska, and became a prominent representative of the bar of that section, serving for a time as district judge and in fact occupying the bench until death ended his labors. He was a supporter of the democratic party and a consistent member of the Baptist church. To Judge and Mrs. Bush were born eight children, six of whom are living.

Charles E. Bush pursued a high school education at Beatrice, Nebraska, and afterwards studied law in his father's office, being admitted to the bar on the 2d of April, 1891. He then began practice in Beatrice, in association with his father, and continued a member of the bar there for ten years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Stillwater, Oklahoma, where he resided for five years, and in 1906 he came to Tulsa and entered into active association with the firm of Wrightsman, Diggs & Bush. In 1911 a change in the partnership occurred and since that time other changes have been made, leading to the association of O'Meara, Bush & Moss, on the 1st of January, 1916. In 1921 this firm became Bush, Moss & Owen. Through the intervening period of five years these gentlemen have been associated in law work and occupy a prominent position as representatives of the Tulsa bar. Mr. Bush is regarded as a most



CHARLES E. BUSH



thorough student and a capable office lawyer, and ranks high in the opinion of his professional brethren. He belongs to the Tulsa County, the Oklahoma State and the American Bar Associations.

On the 8th of October, 1902, Mr. Bush was married to Miss Lillian Shoemaker of Missouri, and they have become the parents of three children: James Edward, Charles Edward and William Franklin, usually known as Jack. They are fourteen, nine and seven years of age, respectively. Mr. Bush greatly enjoys the game of golf and belongs to the Country Club. He is also identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a well-informed man and a most fluent speaker, who always commands the attention of his hearers when addressing the public upon any question, professional or otherwise. Moreover, he enjoys the reputation of being a most upright, honorable man, of unimpeachable professional integrity, while his devotion to the interests of his clients is proverbial.

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### CHARLES LAYTON YANCEY.

Charles Layton Yancey, United States commissioner and member of the law firm of Owen, Yancey & Fist of Tulsa, comes to this state from the Atlantic seaboard, his birth having occurred at McGaheysville, in the Shenandoah valley of Virginia, February 25, 1886. His parents, Dr. L. B. and Virginia (Hopkins) Yancey, are also natives of the Old Dominion and the father is now living retired in McGaheysville, Virginia, but for many years devoted his attention to the practice of medicine, in which connection he rendered valuable service to his fellowmen. He belongs to the Masons and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is serving as steward. The family numbered four children.

Charles L. Yancey, the only son, was accorded liberal educational opportunities. Following the completion of a course in the Randolph-Macon College with the class of 1908, whereby he won the Bachelor of Arts degree, he entered Georgetown University in preparation for the practice of law and the LL. B. degree was there accorded him in 1912. He was admitted to the bar at Muskogee, Oklahoma, where he remained in active practice for five years and in the spring of 1917 removed to Tulsa, where he has since resided. Through the intervening period he has gained a most creditable position as a representative of the bar of this city and is now enjoying an extensive practice as a member of the firm of Owen, Yancey & Fist. The firm devotes itself almost exclusively to corporation and oil and gas matters. Mr. Yancey is also filling the position of United States commissioner through appointment of Federal Judge Williams.

In 1911 Mr. Yancey was married to Miss Eleanor White of Lexington, Virginia, a daughter of Thomas S. White, and their children are three in number: Lois Cameron, Eleanor Virginia and Thomas Spottswood. Mr. Yancey is a Mason, belonging to Muskogee Lodge, A. F. & A. M., also to the consistory, while of Akdar Temple he is a Noble, and at all times is loyal to the teachings and purposes of the craft. His fondness for the game of golf is indicated in his membership in the Country Club. He is also identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and his political endorsement is given to the democratic party, which he has supported since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. His belief concerning the moral responsibilities and duties of life is manifest in his connection with the Presbyterian church and at all times his aid

and influence are given in support of those measures which make for the uplift of the individual and the benefit of the community. When leisure permits he turns to duck hunting for recreation but never allows this to interfere with the performance of any duty relative to his profession, his public office or his responsibilities as a citizen.

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### J GARFIELD BUELL

J Garfield Buell, one of the oil producers of the Tulsa district and formerly an active member of the bar, was born in Greeley, Colorado, November 6, 1879, his parents being George W. and Henrietta (Clark) Buell, both of whom were natives of Ohio. The father was born in Kent, Ohio, and was an educator, devoting his entire life to that profession, in which connection he became widely known in the west. He has now passed away. Of the family of five children, but two are living.

Liberal educational advantages were accorded J Garfield Buell, who was reared in a home of culture and refinement. He supplemented his early educational training by study in the University of Colorado and there won his LL. B. degree upon graduation with the class of 1903. In the same year he was admitted to the bar and soon afterward removed to Muskogee, Oklahoma, where he opened a law office and continued successfully in practice until 1912. He was also in Arkansas City, Kansas, from 1912 to 1914, and becoming interested in the oil business, he has for the past eight years been a successful producer in the mid-continent field. He was one of the most active participants in the opening of the deep-sand field at Blackwell, in Kay county. He has closely studied every phase of the oil business and his progressiveness and enterprise have brought him prominently to the front in this connection.

In 1908 Mr. Buell was married to Miss Ethel Peeples of Kansas City, Missouri, and they have one daughter: Betty Jane, who was born on the 15th of October, 1915. Mr. Buell and his wife occupy an enviable social position. He belongs to the Phi Delta Phi, a college fraternity, also to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, to the Tulsa Petroleum Club and to the Country Club. He is appreciative of the social amenities of life and easily wins friendships, just as he gains the high regard of those with whom he becomes associated in business.

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### EDWARD M. WIEST.

Edward M. Wiest, a resident of Tulsa, is the manager of the Carbill Petroleum Company. The development of the oil fields of this state opened up to young men many avenues of success, and marked enterprise and progressiveness have been manifest by many young men who have utilized the advantages to be gained here. Among this number is Edward M. Wiest, who was born in Clarion, Pennsylvania, November 9, 1892, and was one of the three children of Joseph F. and Mary (Franzinger) Wiest, the latter also a native of the Keystone state. The father, who has long operated in lumber, was born in Fryburg, Pennsylvania, and is now living in Philipsburg, Pennsylvania.

Edward M. Wiest pursued his early education in the public schools of Rey-



noldsville, Pennsylvania, and afterward attended the St. Vincents College at Latrobe, that state. He started out in the business world as a clerk in the employ of the Pennsylvania Oil Products Refining Company at Eldred, and for seven years remained in the service of that corporation, being advanced from a clerical position to that of refinery superintendent. On leaving the Keystone state he made his way to Sapulpa, Oklahoma, to accept the position of manager of the Sunland Oil Company. He continued with that concern until he became western manager of the Foco Oil Company of Franklin, Pennsylvania, with headquarters in Tulsa. The Foco Company was organized in February, 1914, for the purpose of establishing a market for the Franklin First Sand Crude, the company being formed by H. F. Grant and D. W. Grant of Franklin and Dohrman J. Sinclair of Steubenville, Ohio. The business was incorporated for twenty thousand dollars, and in less than six months application was made for an increase of capitalization to a million dollars. A refinery was built at Franklin at a cost of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and the company developed an extensive marketing system with branches in Pittsburgh, New York, Chicago, Kansas City and Tulsa. The company occupied an enviable position in connection with the oil industry, in producing, refining and marketing of heavy crude oil, and Mr. Wiest was an active factor in bringing about the desired results. He is now the manager of the Buffalo Refining Company of Oklahoma. On March 1, 1921, Mr. Wiest, Gordon W. Lillie (Pawnee Bill) and Mr. Arch D. Grider organized the Buffalo Refining Company of Oklahoma, capitalized at one hundred thousand dollars, with a one thousand barrel plant at Yale, Oklahoma. Mr. Lillie is president, Mr. Grider, vice president and Mr. Wiest is secretary and general manager, and as such is widely known in oil circles in the southwest. The products of this plant are known as the "Buffalo oils." Mr. Wiest's entire life has been directed along this line and each change that he has made has marked an upward step.

Mr. Wiest was united in marriage to Miss Florence Green of Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Thomas Green, and they have one child, Mary, now four years of age. The parents are communicants of the Holy Family Roman Catholic church and Mr. Wiest belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is also a member of the Petroleum Club of Tulsa, and he finds his chief diversion in baseball and general outdoor sports.

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#### ROY LUNDY.

Roy Lundy, secretary-treasurer of the Tulsa Rig, Reel and Manufacturing Company of Tulsa, is a man of resourceful ability who has steadily worked his way upward in connection with the lumber industry and now occupies a place of prominence. A native of East Tennessee, he was born on the 16th of December, 1877. His father, W. W. Lundy, is a native of Virginia but is now living in Arkansas and has retired from active business connections. His affairs were carefully and wisely managed and success in substantial measure crowned his efforts. He has long been an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His wife, who in her maidenhood was Miss Barbara Burkett, was born in North Carolina and by her marriage became the mother of six children, five of whom are living. The first Lundy to come to America was Richard Lundy, who came from Axminster, England, in 1676, and settled in Buck county, Pennsylvania. All other Lundys are his descendants.

Roy Lundy obtained a public school education in Arkansas while spending his youthful days under the parental roof, and while living in that state became identified with the lumber trade and has since operated along that line. He dates his residence in Tulsa from 1910 and here engaged in the lumber business in connection with the Ingham Lumber Company, representing wholesale lumber interests for that corporation. In 1918 he became identified with the Tulsa Rig, Reel and Manufacturing Company and was elected secretary and treasurer in 1918. This company has eleven retail lumber-yards and does an extensive business in building operations in connection with oil work development in this state. They deal in lumber, timber, woodwork, rig irons, building materials and cement and their yards are located in Tulsa, Sperry, Bigheart, Avant, Wynona, Skiatook, Nelagoney, Hominy, Pulare, Slick and Kellyville. From these various trade centers their business reaches out in ramifying directions to many points of the southwest and is constantly growing in volume and importance. The success of the enterprise has been attributable in recent years in no small measure to the efforts, keen discernment and progressive methods of Roy Lundy, who in his official capacity is active in framing the policy of the company and directing its operations.

In 1901 Mr. Lundy was united in marriage to Miss Ola Garner of Arkansas, and they have become the parents of four girls: Lois, Klyde, Claire and Willie. Mr. Lundy and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and take an active interest in its work, regularly attending its services and doing all in their power to promote its growth. Mr. Lundy is a democrat in his political views and is greatly interested in vital public questions, expressing his views without reservations. He belongs to the Rotary Club, which is indicative of his progressiveness and his spirit of cooperation. During the war he was very active in all the drives. For recreation he turns to fishing and hunting. Those who know him speak of him as an energetic, dependable and trustworthy man, attentive to his business and with real knowledge of business conditions, combined with good judgment in determining the best course to pursue in any situation.

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#### JERE P. O'MEARA.

Jere J. O'Meara, attorney at law of Tulsa, was formerly senior partner of the firm of O'Meara, Bush & Moss. Since entering upon active practice he has made steady progress and is today one of the strongest and ablest lawyers of the state. He was born in Hardin county, Kentucky, July 3, 1867, a son of Thomas and Mary (Daly) O'Meara. The father was born in County Waterford, Ireland, came to the United States at the age of twenty years, and established his home in Hardin county, Kentucky, where he followed the occupation of farming. His wife was also a native of Waterford, Ireland, and they became the parents of five children, three of whom are living. The father departed this life in Kentucky but the mother resides in Elizabethtown, that state.

J. P. O'Meara of this review, spending his youthful days under the parental roof, acquired his early education in Elizabethtown, Kentucky, and afterwards attended St. Joseph College in that state, winning the Bachelor of Arts degree upon the completion of a classical course in 1886. He then took up the study of law, reading under the direction of J. P. Hobson of Frankfort, Kentucky,



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and was admitted to the bar of Elizabethtown, after which he practiced in partnership with his former preceptor, who speaks of him as "honest, efficient and able, excelling in clearness of statements and grasp of real issues in a case." He remained a member of the Kentucky bar until 1907, when he removed to Bartlesville, Oklahoma, and here continued to practice for five years. He came to Tulsa in 1912 and for a time was a partner in the firm of Sherman, Veasey & O'Meara, but is now practicing alone. He devotes his attention to general practice and at all times has the courage of his convictions. His reasoning is clear, his deductions sound and his logic forceful, and by reason of the ability that he has developed he ranks with the eminent representatives of the Oklahoma bar.

In 1908 Mr. O'Meara was united in marriage to Miss Nora Arnold of Kentucky, a daughter of Philip and Mary Arnold, and they have one child: Yvonne, ten years of age. Mr. O'Meara is a member of the Sacred Heart parish and is identified with the Knights of Columbus. In politics he is an earnest democrat and understands well the fundamentals of the party creed. He is fond of literature, possessing excellent taste in that direction, and is a broad minded man whose wide general information, as well as his knowledge of law, constitutes a forceful element in the attainment of his professional success.

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### JOSEPH WARREN SANDERS.

Various corporation interests have felt the stimulus of the sound judgment and active cooperation of Joseph Warren Sanders, who is president of the Sanders Oil & Gas Corporation, and also president of the Hancock Oil Company. He has studied the questions of oil production and development from every possible standpoint and is largely able to speak with authority upon the questions of chief concern in connection with the operation of the oil fields. Mr. Sanders came to Oklahoma from Illinois, his birth having occurred in Marshall, Clark county, Illinois, August 8, 1861, his parents being August and Sarah (McGuire) Sanders. The father was born in Bremen, Germany, and came to the United States in 1846, settling in Pennsylvania. He was employed in the paper mills of Harrisburg. At the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted and went to the front, being killed at the battle of Fort Donelson in 1862. He was a comparatively young man when he gave his life for the country of his adoption. His wife was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and passed away in 1901 at the age of sixty-eight years.

The boyhood days of Mr. Sanders were spent in Neosho, Missouri, to which place the family had removed in 1879. With only a common school education he began to make his own way at the age of sixteen years, securing a clerkship in a dry goods store in Neosho, a business which he followed for a decade. He then removed to St. Louis, Missouri, and became identified with the Kelly-Goodfellow Shoe Company, wholesale dealers in men's, women's and children's shoes. Mr. Sanders was a stockholder of the company and also acted as traveling salesman, in Indian Territory, Arkansas and other southwestern states. He sold shoes in Tulsa in pioneer times, coming in on a construction train, making a sale to Mr. Harry Hall, who was the first merchant in Tulsa. Mr. Sanders remained active in the shoe business until 1890 and then engaged in the retail dry goods business at Vinita as a member of the firm of Ratcliff and

Sanders. The firm continued for several years as a retail dry goods store, but later became the Ratcliff-Sanders Company, wholesale dry goods, groceries and notions. The business developed under Mr. Sanders' capable management and wise control and in 1904 they opened a branch house in Tulsa. The rapid development of the business in this city made Tulsa the headquarters of the company, while Vinita became the branch house. Mr. Sanders was vice president and general manager of the company and largely shaped the policy which resulted in the substantial success of the enterprise. A branch was afterward established at Sapulpa, but this was later consolidated with the Tulsa house. The Ratcliff-Sanders Company put out a very high class of merchandise under the Carnation brand. Their traveling representatives covered not only a large portion of Oklahoma but southeastern Kansas. Steadily the business grew and developed along substantial lines and Mr. Sanders became a very active member of the Wholesale Men's Association. He dates his residence in Tulsa from 1914, but has been known in the city and throughout the state for a much longer period. With the development of the natural resources of the state he directed his attention to oil and gas and at length began operating along those lines. He became the organizer of the Sanders Oil & Gas Corporation, producers in the Nowata field, and since selling his interests in the wholesale grocery business he has been president of the corporation. In 1919 he organized the Hancock Oil Company, of which he is president. This company operates in both the Nowata and Bird Creek fields. He is also president of the Sanders-Ridgeway Company, which conducts retail department stores at Vinita and Miami, Oklahoma. He is likewise the president of the Hancock Working Barrel Company, which has put out an anti-sand working barrel with three separate and distinct working pockets, any one of which has a larger capacity than that of any other barrel manufactured, a feature which prevents the cutting of cups or the frequent pulling of rods and permits the Hancock barrel to pump longer than other types of equipment. Other notable improved features thereof are a standing valve that will not stick nor leak and a gas anchor, which is inserted in the center of the perforated section and which prevents the gas from entering the barrel or interfering with pumping operations. In this device the company feels it has found an absolute solution for the sand problem, its barrel proving to be superior to all makes of equipment manufactured for this purpose. Extensive and important as are business interests of Mr. Sanders already mentioned, they do not comprise the entire extent of his connections and activities, for he is also interested in the Bethel, the Domodo, and the Creosus mines, all in the Miami mining district, and is a director of the Tulsa-Quapaw Mining and Investment Company. His business affairs are indeed extensive and of a most important character and have brought him prominently to the front as one of the dynamic forces in the development and progress of Oklahoma.

On the 7th of January, 1886, at Neosho, Missouri, Mr. Sanders was married to Miss Ada Corpenny, who was born in Sedalia, Missouri, a daughter of Jefferson and Sarah (McPherson) Corpenny, the former a native of Sedalia, while the latter was born near Harpers Ferry, Virginia, and in the late '50s went to Missouri, the family home being established in Sedalia. The father was a pioneer grocery man of Sedalia and in 1872 went to Neosho, where he conducted both a wholesale and retail grocery business. He afterward became identified with the Bank of Neosho and was also very active in public and civic affairs of the community, his aid and influence being at all times on the side of progress and improvement.

Mr. Sanders is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and is interested in

all things that have to do with Tulsa's upbuilding and advancement. During the war period he took most helpful interest in many war activities. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to the lodge, chapter, and commandery at Joplin, Missouri. He has membership in the Tulsa Country Club and turns for recreation to fishing. On the 9th of March, 1921, Mr. and Mrs. Sanders started on a trip to the Orient. Mrs. Sanders is one of the directors of the Young Women's Christian Association and one of the founders of the Young Ladies' Camp, also of the Children's Day Nursery and is a most active and helpful member of the Boston Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, South. No good work done in the name of charity or religion seeks their aid in vain and they are most generous in upholding all activities which seek the uplift of the individual and the welfare of the community at large. There is much that is inspiring in the life record of Mr. Sanders, for without special advantages at the outset of his career he started into the business world and step by step has advanced, each forward step bringing him a broader outlook and greater chances for progress. He possesses character and ability that inspires confidence in others and the simple ways of his character and ability have carried him into important relations.

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#### CLARK H. WHITESIDE.

Clark H. Whiteside is president of the firm of Whiteside & Whiteside, real estate dealers of Tulsa. He brings to his present connection long experience and valuable knowledge of every phase of the business, and the firm, although in existence for little more than a year, has already made for itself an enviable place in the real estate circles of the city. Clark H. Whiteside was born in Montgomery county, Missouri, February 15, 1884. His father, James C. Whiteside, also a native of that place, was a representative of one of the old families of Kentucky, his father having removed from Kentucky to Missouri in pioneer times. James C. Whiteside made farming his life work, but is now living retired in Tulsa. He is a member of the Methodist church, and belongs to the Masonic fraternity. His wife, who in her maidenhood was Mary Catherine White, was born in Montgomery county, Missouri, and by her marriage became the mother of five children, all of whom are living.

Clark H. Whiteside obtained a district school education in his native county, pursuing his studies to the age of twelve years, and later he spent several months under the supervision of a tutor at home. He afterwards became a student in the high school at Montgomery City, and subsequently took up the profession of teaching, which he followed for a year. An opportunity to enter business life at Amarillo, Texas, caused him to go to that state and for a year and a half he was connected with the sale of property in the south. He then returned to St. Louis and for four years was with the Commonwealth Trust Company of that city, as assistant manager of its real estate department. He next became sales manager with the Albert T. Blanke Real Estate Company, with which he remained until March, 1919, and then removed to Tulsa. During his residence in St. Louis he was a member of the St. Louis Real Estate Exchange and president of the Real Estate Salesmen's Association. He was a young man full of energy and imagination, possessing unusual capacity for salesmanship and possessed of clear business judgment and an attractive personality. Thus he was enabled to succeed where many others failed. The de-

velopment of progressive ideas and initiative carried him steadily forward, and thus he brought broad experience to the beginning of his business career in Tulsa. In March, 1918, he became business manager of the Gillette Investment Company and sold the Terrace Drive and other properties, all of which were sold by the 1st of December, 1919. Mr. Whiteside then established business on his own account in connection with his brother, Wade Whiteside, under the firm style of Whiteside & Whiteside, and of the company he is now the president. The enterprise and activity which he displayed in developing the Terrace Drive established him as a wide-awake and energetic business man, for in that connection he developed a piece of prairie land into a modern residence district that is today one of the show places of Tulsa. Since starting out in his present business relation he has handled considerable property of an important character and his clientage is steadily growing.

On the 11th of December, 1909, Mr. Whiteside was married to Miss Mary C. Freeman, a native of Memphis, Tennessee, and a daughter of George H. Freeman of the Iron Mountain Railway Company. Mr. and Mrs. Whiteside have become parents of two children: Madge, nine years of age; and Mary Catherine, age six.

Mr. Whiteside is a Mason, belonging to Tuscan Lodge, to the Consistory of St. Louis and to Akdar Temple of the Mystic Shrine in Tulsa. He was also a member of the Missouri Athletic Club of St. Louis and belongs to the Country Club and Chamber of Commerce of Tulsa, and became one of the prime movers of the organization of the Real Estate Exchange here, of which he is now the vice president. His strong and pleasing personality, his energy and fair dealing are bringing him rapidly to the front among the real estate men of this city, and he belongs to that class who are real builders of the community—a man with whom real estate dealing is not merely a sale, but also the opportunity to improve and benefit the region in which he operates.

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#### ISAAC SHULER.

Isaac Shuler is widely known in connection with the oil industry in various sections of the country and is now successfully operating in Oklahoma fields, being president of the Goodyear Oil Company, the Gladys Oil Company and the Posey Gasoline Company. It is not strange to say that his father was an oil man before him, so when Isaac Shuler first opened his eyes in the little town of Triumph, in Warren county, Pennsylvania, on November 26, 1865, he came into the world a full fledged member of the oil fraternity. At the early age of nine years he entered the game, cleaning sediment from the bottom of tanks for two and a half cents a barrel, at the same time selling newspapers to the different oil men with whom he came in contact. Later, in 1877, he attended school in Summit, Pennsylvania, and while there he worked as assistant agent and telegraph operator on a narrow-gauge railroad. His liking for books and especially for mathematics gave him an education which was only acquired through perseverance and hard work, but with stern determination to accomplish, no hour was too early nor too late for the unfinished task. In 1880 he went to Allentown, New York, and five years later to Findlay, Ohio, and from that date has held his own among those interested in the development of oil. At Findlay he entered into partnership with G. C. Thompson in the business of rig building and contracting, while subsequently he became connected with oil production in Ohio.





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Mr. Shuler married Clara B. Howe, of Wellsville, New York, and resided in Findlay, Ohio, for six years but in 1895 removed to Bowling Green, Ohio, where his daughter, Gladys Shuler Whitney, was born. He secured valuable holdings in Ohio, Illinois and Indiana, but the Oklahoma field attracted him and in 1914 he moved to the Indian state, where he has met with more than phenomenal success. His operations have been successfully conducted as president of the Goodyear Oil Company, as president of the Gladys Oil Company and of the Posey Gasoline Company. He has very valuable holdings in the Bixby and other pools and is regarded as one of the prominent oil men of the southwest. Although his success has been won solely through his own efforts and his boyish ambitions have been fulfilled only by hard work and determination to do, he is at heart one of the most generous and loving of men and his efforts to make the world happier are as untiring as were his efforts to succeed.

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#### WADE C. WHITESIDE.

Wade C. Whiteside, vice president of the firm of Whiteside & Whiteside, real estate dealers of Tulsa, was born in Montgomery county, Missouri, on the 9th of October, 1886, and is a brother of Clark H. Whiteside, in connection with whose sketch on another page of this work further mention is made of the family. After pursuing a public school education he became special representative of the Missouri State Life Insurance Company and made steady advancement in that field of business. In 1920 he joined his brother, Clark H. Whiteside, in the real estate business in Tulsa, where the firm now has a large clientele, having handled in the past year much valuable property in this city.

Mr. Whiteside enlisted in the World war in 1918, as a member of the Three Hundred and Thirty-second Battalion Tank Corps, and served overseas from August, 1918, to April 1, 1919, and belongs to the American Legion.

Wade C. Whiteside is a member of the Masonic fraternity, having taken the degrees of both York and Scottish Rites, and he is likewise a member of Akdar Temple of the Mystic Shrine of Tulsa and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He also holds membership in the City Club and the Ad Club. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, but has never sought office as a reward for party fealty. Both he and his brother concentrate their efforts and attention upon their business affairs, and thus the firm of Whiteside & Whiteside is forging rapidly to the front in real estate circles.

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#### JAMES E. MULLIGAN.

James E. Mulligan, manager of the Roxana Petroleum Company of Oklahoma and valued as a resident of Tulsa, came to this state from New England, his birth having occurred in Saco, Maine, December 11, 1861. He is a son of James Edward and Josephine (Newhall) Mulligan, the former a native of Lancaster, England, while the latter was born in Worcester, Massachusetts. The father came to the new world in 1850, settling in Boston, where he became actively identified with the textile manufacturing interests of the city, as superintendent of a cotton mill. With the outbreak of the Civil war he joined the

Union army and aided in the defense of his adopted country. He has now passed away. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Mulligan were thirteen children, but only five are living.

James E. Mulligan, of this review, pursued his education in the schools of Seymour and of Indianapolis, Indiana, completing a high school course. He then entered railway circles as an engineer and was thus employed in 1894, in various parts of the United States and in Mexico. He became interested in the oil business in Mexico and was associated therewith for twenty-three years, developing the first well in the Panuco district for the East Coast Oil Company. In 1912 he came to Tulsa as office manager for the Roxana Petroleum Company of Oklahoma, of which A. J. Van Waterschoot Vander Gracht of St. Louis is president, Richard Airey of New York city, vice president, T. F. Lydon, secretary and H. H. Parker of St. Louis, treasurer. The offices of the company are in the Mayo building in Tulsa and Mr. Mulligan is most capably directing the interests of the corporation at this point. He had much to do with the development of the Mexican oil fields and his broad experience and comprehensive knowledge well qualified him for the duties that devolve upon him in his present business relation.

In 1912 Mr. Mulligan was married to Miss Laura D. Tabor of Paterson, New Jersey, and they are well known in Tulsa, where they have an extensive circle of warm friends. Mr. Mulligan belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and also to the Petroleum Club, while his religious belief is manifest in his connection with the Christian Science church. He is a man of high moral standard and his upright character and well-spent life have gained for him the respect and confidence of all with whom he has been associated. His experiences have been wide and varied and he is a broad-minded man whose actions are at all times guided by sound judgment and in whom the subjective and objective forces of life are well-balanced so that he fully meets every duty and obligation, his loyalty to public and private interests being one of his marked characteristics.

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#### CLIFFORD WILLIAM LORD.

Clifford William Lord, president and general manager of the Rex Machinery & Supply Company of Tulsa, is one of the best known oil men of the city. His life has been one of intense and well-directed activity and splendid results have followed his labors. He was born in Grass Valley, California, on the 9th of September, 1888, a son of William G. and Jennie (Pedlow) Lord, both of whom were natives of Ashland, Pennsylvania, and are now residing in Grass Valley, California. The father has long been active in connection with mining. His fraternal relations are with the Masons, and his religious faith is manifested in his membership in the Episcopal church. To him and his wife have been born five children, all of whom are living.

Clifford W. Lord, spending his youthful days under the parental roof, pursued his education in the public schools of California and afterwards attended the University of California, from which he was graduated in 1911. During his student days there he became a member of the Theta Delta Chi. From 1911 until 1913 he followed civil engineering with the Associated Pipe Line Company of California and in the latter year became identified with the supply business as representative of the Associated Supply Company of California.

Through the intervening period to 1915 he was identified with the interests of the company in his native state and in 1916 he was offered and accepted a position with the Lucey Manufacturing Corporation of Los Angeles. He resided in that city for a year and was then made assistant district manager of the Pittsburgh office of the Lucey Company. He continued in Pittsburgh until 1918, when he came to Tulsa and took charge of the interests of the Lucey Corporation in this city, continuing with them until July, 1919, when he incorporated the Rex Machinery & Supply Company, of which he is president and general manager. This company handles all of the products of the Lucey Manufacturing Corporation in the mid-continent field and the business is now one of extensive and gratifying proportions.

On the 17th of April, 1917, Mr. Lord was married to Miss Electa Connely, a native of Olean, New York, and a daughter of James L. Connely, who was prominently identified with the Standard Oil Company of California up to the time of his death. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Lord was celebrated in San Francisco and they have become the parents of a daughter, Elizabeth Margaret. Mr. Lord is a Mason, belonging to Tulsa Lodge, No. 71, and also to the Royal Arch chapter. He and his wife have membership in the Episcopal church and he is a member of the Tulsa Country Club. His business affairs have made him widely known over the west and to a considerable extent in the east, and wherever he has gone he has commanded the respect and confidence of business associates and social acquaintances. He has steadily developed his innate powers and improved his opportunities, and each year has found him at a point in advance of that which he had reached the previous year in his business career.

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#### WALTER A. MOORE.

Walter A. Moore, president of the Price Sand Company of Tulsa, was born in Girard, Kansas, July 13, 1880, his parents being Albert R. and Fanny (Stinnett) Moore, both of whom were natives of Illinois. The mother is still living, but the father has passed away. He was a general merchant, who, removing to Kansas, carried on business at Girard for a number of years. He was also a devoted member of the Baptist church. In the family were two children.

Walter A. Moore at the usual age entered the public schools of his native city and passed through consecutive grades to the high school, thus qualifying for life's practical and responsible duties. He afterward became connected with railway interests, working in various departments, and for a time was general agent in charge of the terminal of the Frisco system at Tulsa. He came to this city in 1911 and was the builder of the railroad known as the Sapulpa & Oilfields Railroad, which he afterward sold to the Frisco system. On severing his connection with railway interests he turned his attention to his present business, becoming the chief executive officer of the Price Sand Company, with J. M. Chandler as secretary and treasurer. This company handles building material and engages in the shipping of gravel, sand and chats, the last named being the refuse from mines, a stone that is used in road building. The business has developed to substantial proportions and enterprise and energy have brought Mr. Moore prominently to the front. Before coming to Tulsa he resided for a time in Okmulgee and his success there was attributable, as it has been since, to his integrity and close application to every detail of business. He conducts his affairs in a most progressive and systematic manner and carries

forward to satisfactory conclusion whatever he undertakes. Moreover, his friends in Okmulgee bear testimony to his "affable and pleasing personality, which brought happy hours to his acquaintances." Again in Tulsa he has made steady progress in a business way, his determination and energy enabling him to overcome all the obstacles and difficulties in his path.

In 1904 Mr. Moore was united in marriage to Miss Utie L. Hulen of Missouri. In his political views he is a republican and his religious faith is that of the Christian church. He also belongs to the Masonic fraternity, and has membership in Delta Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; in the Consistory at Guthrie, Oklahoma, and in Akdar Temple of the Mystic Shrine. In club circles, too, he is well known, belonging to the City Club of Tulsa and holding membership in the Auto Traffic Association. His interests are broad and varied and he stands for all those activities which constitute a force in the betterment of the community and the uplift of the individual. By reason of this he is actively interested in the work of the church and does all in his power to advance its growth and extend its influence.

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#### HARRY H. McFANN.

Harry H. McFann, one of the well known oil producers residing in Tulsa, who figures prominently in Masonic circles as well as in business connections, was born at North Washington, in Butler county, Pennsylvania, December 6, 1876, and is a son of L. R. and Mary (Morris) McFann, the former a native of Waynesburg, Greene county, Pennsylvania, while the mother was born in Butler county, Pennsylvania. The father is now living retired at Butler, Pennsylvania, and there are many points in his life history which have established him high in the respect and regard of his fellow townsmen. He is a Civil war veteran, having defended the Union cause between 1861 and 1865, and he is a loyal follower of the teachings of the Presbyterian church.

Harry H. McFann, one of the family of eight children, obtained his early education in the public schools and afterward attended the Fairview Academy at Prospect, Pennsylvania. Throughout his life he has been connected with the oil industry. He was reared amid an environment that early acquainted him with various phases of the oil trade, for through many years Pennsylvania was the center of oil production in the United States. In 1904 he came to Oklahoma, settling at Tulsa, later working out of Sapulpa and then back to Tulsa. He is now senior partner in the firm of McFann & Brown, oil producers, and is operating extensively in this connection. He was the first man in the Sapulpa field and established the first refining company there. His success has come as the result of an orderly progression. Step by step he has advanced since he left school at the age of sixteen years and went to Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, as stationary engineer at one of the big pump stations of the People's Natural Gas Company. Eight years' experience with that company brought him valuable knowledge and won him promotion to the positions of engineer and pump station builder. He also built pipe lines throughout Armstrong and Jefferson counties, continuing with the People's Gas Company to the age of twenty-four years, when he went to California, where he spent one year in scouting and checking up oil properties for different oil companies. At the end of that period he returned to the service of the People's Natural Gas Company as erecting engineer and after two years in



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that position became identified with Oklahoma. It was then that he secured a gas franchise for Sapulpa and also organized the Sapulpa Refining Company, likewise taking charge of the interests of the Laurel Gas & Oil Company. In 1911 he became interested as an independent producer and in 1914 removed to Tulsa, from which point he has since directed his operations. Each year has increased his knowledge and broadened his experience in connection with the oil industry and today his position is a most creditable one among the prominent oil men of the state. Mr. McFann is vice president of the Compression Inner Tube Company, one of the largest manufacturing plants of Tulsa.

Mr. McFann has been twice married, his first marriage occurring in 1902. There were two children of that union: Mary Alice, eighteen years of age; and Kenneth, seventeen years of age, now attending high school. The daughter is a student in Lindenwood College. On the 18th of November, 1914, Mr. McFann was married to Miss Letha A. Frank of Joplin, Missouri, and they have one child, Harry Miles, now in his third year.

Mr. McFann's greatest activity outside of business is perhaps in connection with Masonry. He is prominently known as a representative of both York and Scottish Rites, is captain of the patrol and has recently been elected the potentate of Akdar Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to the Country Club, the City Club, the Lions Club and the Petroleum Club. His life has been actuated by a progressive spirit and such is his determination and his initiative that he never stops short of the successful accomplishment of his purpose, which is the direct outcome of careful consideration of every question.

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#### PAUL FROST COLE.

Paul Frost Cole, treasurer of the Oklahoma Central Oil Company with headquarters at Tulsa, is one of the energetic and enterprising young men, who, attracted by the opportunities offered by reason of the oil fields development in this section of the state, have here made steady progress toward the goal of success and gained a most satisfactory and creditable position in business circles. A native of Indiana, he was born in Angola on the 23d of February, 1894, and is a son of Ellsworth A. and Rosella (Frost) Cole, both of whom were also natives of Indiana. The father is a minister of the Christian church and is still active as a preacher of the gospel, being now pastor of the church at Washington, Pennsylvania. He likewise belongs to the Masonic fraternity.

Paul F. Cole, one of a family of four children, obtained a public school education in Washington, Pennsylvania, passing through consecutive grades to the high school and later he attended the schools of St. Louis and in Pittsburgh, while for one year he was a student in the Washington and Jefferson College at Washington, Pennsylvania. Throughout his business career he has been connected with the oil industry in one phase or another. He was with the Pure Oil Company of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for two years and afterward became secretary of the Quaker Oil & Gas Company. Subsequently he was elected secretary and treasurer of the Oklahoma Central Oil Company, which is his present connection. He has thus become identified with the rich Tulsa fields and is capably and wisely directing the interests of the corporation which he represents.

In 1915 Mr. Cole was married to Miss Hazel Douglas McGlaughlin of Pittsburgh, and they have one child, Paul F., Jr., four years of age. The parents are consistent members of the Christian church and Mr. Cole also belongs to the Masonic fraternity, having membership in Petroleum Lodge, No. 474, A. F. & A. M., also in the Royal Arch Chapter and in the Consistory. He likewise belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and manifests deep and helpful interest in many activities and projects for the public good. He is a splendid representative of the modern business spirit, his alertness and energy enabling him to overcome all obstacles and difficulties, and step by step he is advancing toward the goal of success.

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#### EARLY BEE GUTHREY.

Early Bee Guthrey, the efficient secretary of the Oklahoma Automobile Club, who was named in honor of two distinguished Confederate commanders, General Early and General Bee, was born in Saline county, Missouri, near Miami, February 24, 1869, a son of Patrick Henry and Addie (Brown) Guthrey, who were natives of Virginia and Lexington, Kentucky, respectively. The father was a farmer by occupation and prior to the Civil war made an overland trip to Missouri, establishing his home in Saline county. He entered the Confederate army under General Price, was twice wounded and for a time was held a prisoner of war. When hostilities between the two sections of the country had ceased he returned to Saline county, Missouri, where he again engaged in farming, there residing until 1876, when he removed to Parker County, Texas, and became a contractor in connection with the building of the Texas & Pacific Railroad. He remained there until 1879 and afterward again took up farming, becoming a resident of Seward county, Nebraska, in 1884. He homesteaded there and became one of the leading and influential residents of that district just as he had been when living in Saline county, Missouri. In 1889 he came to Oklahoma and was one of the original "Payne county boomers." He surveyed and platted Payne Center and was one of those who contended most strenuously to make Payne Center the county seat. He was associated with John G. Payne in work of early development and improvement and made valuable contribution to the progress and upbuilding of that section of the state. He continued to devote his attention to farming in Payne county until his retirement from active business life, when he removed to Sulphur Springs, Arkansas, where his death occurred in 1911. He had long survived his wife, who passed away in 1877. Throughout his entire life he had been exceptionally active in politics and gave unfaltering allegiance to the democratic party. His religious faith was that of the Episcopal church.

Early Bee Guthrey, whose name introduces this record, was for two years a pupil in one of the oldtime log schoolhouses in Texas and for a year he studied in Nebraska. When a lad of fourteen he became "devil" in a printing office at Seward, Nebraska, and worked his way upward to the position of foreman. During this period he had attended night school, for he realized the value and worth of education as a factor in the attainment of success in life. After leaving the printing office he entered the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in 1888 and worked his way through college by waiting on tables and working in printing offices at night, also doing tutoring from time to time. He concentrated his attention upon the study of law and was admitted to the bar in 1891. He

then engaged in practice at Stillwater, Oklahoma, and while there residing served one term as deputy county attorney and was also assistant United States attorney for a year. It was while engaged in law practice that he established the Oklahoma Hawk, now the Advance Democrat, which is the oldest paper published in Payne county. He was always interested in democratic politics and throughout his life has done everything in his power to promote the growth and insure the success of the party.

Mr. Guthrey left Stillwater in September, 1893, at the opening of the Cherokee strip and took up a claim adjoining the town of Perry. He also became a member of the law firm of Howe, McMeekham & Guthrey, general practitioners at the bar, establishing an office in a tent. The practice was continued in that partnership relation until Mr. McMeekham was appointed the first United States attorney for northern Oklahoma, when the firm became Howe & Guthrey, the partnership being continued until June, 1897, when Mr. Guthrey began practicing alone. He also opened a law office at Ponca City, practicing in the two places. He became a member and the secretary of the Ponca City Improvement & Land Company, which platted and sold the townsite, having its headquarters at Ponca City from 1897 to 1901. He went to Texas at the time of the Beaumont oil boom and there engaged in the oil business and also organized the Beaumont Marble & Supply Company, opening big marble quarries in Sequoyah county, Oklahoma. Of this company he became the president and directed its operations and he also platted and sold the townsite of Marble City, Oklahoma. He was elected mayor of the town, filling the position for two years and aiding in laying broad and deep the foundation of municipal progress as well as material advancement there. In 1906, however, he disposed of his interests at Marble City and purchased the townsite of Sulphur Springs, Arkansas, where he engaged in banking, becoming president of the Bank of Sulphur Springs and so continuing for two years. In 1913 he returned to Oklahoma, where he has engaged in the real estate and oil business. For a time he was at Sallisaw, Oklahoma, and in 1915 came to Tulsa, where he has since made his home. He acted as highway commissioner for the Chamber of Commerce until 1918, when he resigned to accept the position of secretary of the Auto Club of Tulsa, so continuing until July, 1920, when he resigned the latter position and became state distributor of the United States Compression Inner Tube Company of Tulsa. In 1919 he was elected president of the White River Trails Association, which position he still fills and he was one of the organizers of the Albert Pike Highway Association, of which he has been the secretary since 1917. In January, 1921, he was made secretary of the state organization of the Automobile Club of Oklahoma. He is also the editor of The Nation's Highways, the first issue of which appeared April 1, 1921, this being the official organ of the Albert Pike and White River Trails Associations. Mr. Guthrey is the editor of the publication, with Colonel Clarence B. Douglas as associate editor and the former is also the owner of the paper. This magazine deals with road promotion, road building and road maintenance and it is the purpose of Mr. Guthrey to make it national in its scope.

Mr. Guthrey is also actively identified with the Chamber of Commerce and with the City Club and is an enthusiastic supporter of every plan and measure that has to do with the upbuilding and progress of community, commonwealth and country. He belongs to the Masonic lodge at Sulphur Springs, Arkansas, to the Elks lodge at Rogers, Arkansas, of which he was a charter member, to the Automobile Club of Tulsa and to the Tulsa-Ozark Club. Throughout his life he has continued his activity in the political field and while in Payne county

was a member of the democratic county central committee and also served in a similar capacity in Arkansas.

Mr. Guthrey was married in Ponca City, December 27, 1897, to Miss Addie R. Newman, a daughter of Joseph A. and Margaret (Polson) Newman, natives of Decatur, Illinois. The father was a farmer and was a veteran of the Union army in the Civil war. He removed to Louisiana, afterward to Butte, Kansas, and later to Cowley county, Kansas, and in 1906 he went to Arkansas, locating on a farm near Siloam Springs in 1907. Three years later, or in 1910, he came to Tulsa to live with his daughter and passed away in this city in 1917.

A review of the life record of Mr. Guthrey will show that he has always been a stimulating force in the upbuilding and development of every community and district in which he has lived. Moreover, he has recognized the opportunities for advancement and has been most active in formulating and executing plans which have led to the founding and improvement of cities and there is no more enthusiastic champion of good roads in this state than he. His work has indeed been far-reaching and resultant and Oklahoma is proud to claim him as one of her representative men.

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### MICHAEL MARCUS VALERIUS.

Michael Marcus Valerius was the organizer and is the head of M. M. Valerius Company, petroleum geologists, with offices in the Mayo building in Tulsa. Iowa claims him as a native son, his birth having occurred in Sigourney, January 16, 1872. His father, Peter Valerius, was a native of Wisconsin and during an active life devoted his attention to contracting and building, which he followed at various periods in Wisconsin, Iowa and Missouri. He married Emma Fritz, a native of Germany, and she is now living in Eldon, Missouri, but Mr. Valerius has passed away. In their family were five children, four of whom survive.

Michael M. Valerius was graduated from the high school at Sigourney, Iowa, and afterward attended Drake University at Des Moines. Still later he became a student in the Missouri School of Mines at Rolla, Missouri. His life has been devoted to professional work of this character and for a number of years he has given his attention particularly to petroleum geology, his work in this connection taking him all over the oil fields of the southwest. He has developed a high degree of skill and proficiency in this connection and his enviable professional position is further indicated in the fact that he is a member of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, of the Southwestern Geological Association and the Tulsa Geological Society.

In 1903 Mr. Valerius was married to Miss Ina M. Brinton of Stuart, Iowa, and they have one son, Claude M., now attending the Stuart high school, but in the fall of 1921 he expects to enter the School of Mines at Rolla. Mr. Valerius turns to hunting when leisure permits, greatly enjoying a trip into the open. He is a member of the Lions Club and the Chamber of Commerce, associations which indicate his interest in matters of progressive citizenship, for both organizations have for their object the betterment of the community through the development of business conditions and through strict adherence to high civic standards. Politically Mr. Valerius is a republican. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, having become a member of the lodge in Kansas,



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MICHAEL M. VALERIUS



since which time he has taken the Scottish Rite degrees, and is also a member of Akdar Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He has likewise extended his membership relations to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is at all times a worthy follower of the teachings of these organizations, which are based upon man's obligations to his fellowmen.

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### WILLIAM LEMUEL EAGLETON, JR.

There have been no spectacular phases in the business and professional career of William Lemuel Eagleton, Jr., who is now practicing at the Tulsa bar and who has won his professional advancement through thorough preliminary study, careful preparation of his cases, devotion to the interests of his clients and allegiance to the majesty of the law. Mr. Eagleton is a native son of Oklahoma, his birth having occurred in a cave in Pawnee, March 28, 1894, his parents being William Lemuel and Martha Ann (Saunders) Eagleton. By appointment of the governor of Oklahoma the father became judge of the fourteenth judicial district in September, 1920, and is now serving upon the bench. He was born in Woodbury, Tennessee, November 7, 1860, a son of John A. and Mary J. (Bethell) Eagleton, the former a merchant of Tennessee and afterward of Kentucky. Judge Eagleton attended the Southern Normal and Business College at Glasgow, Kentucky, and won his Bachelor of Science degree as a graduate of the class of 1884. He started out in the business world as a clerk in a general merchandise establishment and for a time in early manhood was a teacher in the country schools but eventually entered upon the practice of law and by close application, consistent ability and the development of his powers gained a creditable position as a representative of the bar. He was city attorney at Cisco, Texas, for a part of the time between 1889 and 1892. Removing to Oklahoma he settled in Pawnee and occupied the position of city attorney there in the latter part of the '90s. In 1914 he was called to the office of city attorney in Norman, Oklahoma, and served in that position for about a year. His first judicial experience came to him in the summer of 1898, when he was made probate judge of Pawnee county, and continued to act in that capacity until January, 1903. His appointment to the district bench came to him from the governor in September, 1920, and he has since served as judge of the fourteenth judicial district. His decisions are strictly fair and impartial and his opinions indicate comprehensive knowledge of the law, with ability to apply accurately its principles. Judge Eagleton has always been a democrat in his political views and his opinions have carried weight in the ranks of the party, but he has never sought political prominence nor preferment outside the strict path of his profession. He is a Knights Templar Mason, a companion of the Red Cross of Constantine, a member of the Mystic Shrine and a member of the Eastern Star. He has filled every presiding office both in the subordinate and grand bodies of the York Rite and of the Eastern Star and is today an honorary thirty-third degree Mason. He holds membership in the Chamber of Commerce at Norman, Oklahoma, over which he has presided, and for many years has been a devoted member of the Presbyterian church, in which he has filled the office of presiding elder. In a word his aid and influence have ever been given on the side of progress and improvement and his labors have been effective forces in the material and intellectual progress of the state and in upholding its legal and moral status.

On the 15th of August, 1888, near Purdy, Tennessee, Judge Eagleton was married to Miss Martha Ann Saunders, representative of a family that has figured prominently in connection with the political history of McNairy county, Tennessee, while others of the name have gained prominence through contributions to literature. Judge and Mrs. Eagleton have become parents of the following named; Mary Eloise, who was born May 16, 1889, and died while serving as an army nurse at Camp McArthur, in Waco, Texas, October 19, 1918; Olive, the wife of Elton B. Hunt, an attorney of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Elizabeth, the wife of Raymond O. Courtright, physical director and member of the faculty of the University of Nevada at Reno; William L., Jr., a successful practicing attorney of Tulsa; John Saunders, who died in infancy; Isabel, who also passed away in infancy; and James R., seventeen years of age, who is now a sophomore in the University of Nevada.

In his youthful days William L. Eagleton, Jr., was a pupil in the public schools of his native city and there completed his high school course, after which he entered the University of Oklahoma in 1914 and was graduated therefrom in 1919, winning the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws. During his college days he made excellent records in his studies and was also very active in religious work among the younger set. He made excellent credits in his studies and thus displayed the elemental strength of his character and the laudable ambition which prompted him early in his career. He was admitted to the bar in 1917 and engaged in practice at Norman, Oklahoma. In June, 1919, Mr. Eagleton became a partner in the firm of Hunt & Eagleton of Tulsa and has since engaged in general practice, enjoying a good clientage through the intervening period. He belongs to the local and state bar associations.

Mr. Eagleton has membership with the American Legion and is post commander, Joe Carson Post, No. 1, at Tulsa, the largest in the state. He is one of the veterans of the World war, having served with the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Field Artillery, a Missouri regiment. He saw active duty in France, being on the St. Mihiel and Argonne fronts all during the active fighting, and upon the western front until the signing of the armistice, stationed in the Verdun sector from the 2d of November until the 19th of that month.

Mr. Eagleton is a Mason, belonging to Delta Lodge, A. F. & A. M., also to the chapter, the council, the consistory and to Akdar Temple of the Mystic Shrine. Religiously he is a Presbyterian and his work in the church has been far-reaching and resultant. He stands high socially and morally and his position as a young attorney is above the average.

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#### WILLIAM JOSEPH TRAINER, M. D.

Dr. William Joseph Trainer, who, practicing as an internist, has made steady advancement as a physician of Tulsa, was born in New York city, March 2, 1876, a son of James A. and Mary (Reed) Trainer. The father was born in Belfast, Ireland, while the mother's birth occurred in Poughkeepsie, New York. Coming to the new world, James A. Trainer was for a time teacher of languages in Columbia University and was also interested in the immigration department at Castle Garden, where in earlier days the immigrants were landed. He died in 1892.

William J. Trainer of this review completed a course in the high school at Montgomery, New York, and afterward entered the University of Vermont,



from which he was graduated with the Bachelor of Science degree. He then attended the Medical School at the University of Vermont for a year and in 1898 he enlisted at Boston in the Hospital Corps of the United States army, upon the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, and for a year was stationed at Fort McPherson, Tampa, Florida. Following his return home he resumed his medical studies in the University of Maryland and won his professional degree upon graduation with the class of 1903. For a time he was surgeon to the Sparrows Point Steel Works and then went to Smithfield, West Virginia, where for two years he was surgeon for the steel works. He afterward became ocean steamship surgeon, being thus connected with the Pacific Mail and with the P. & O. line until 1915, when he came to Tulsa. Here he has concentrated his attention upon internal medicine. He has taken postgraduate work at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston and has pursued three postgraduate courses in internal medicine in the University of Maryland.

Again Dr. Trainer responded to his country's call for military aid and on the 1st of April, 1918, enlisted as first lieutenant in the Medical Corps, being in the training school at Fort Riley. He was sent to Camp Benjamin Harrison at Indianapolis with the rank of captain and there remained until mustered out February 29, 1919. At Camp Benjamin Harrison he was battalion surgeon with the One Hundred and Eighteenth Engineers, having charge of pneumonia cases at Base Hospital, No. 29. He is now a captain of the Medical Reserve Corps. Prior to entering the army he served on the Tulsa county draft board, not through regular appointment, but giving his services gratis in that connection.

Dr. Trainer is a member of the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce and is interested in all those forces which make for development and upbuilding in the city. He is well known in Masonic circles, belonging to Delta Lodge, No. 425, A. F. & A. M.; Tulsa Chapter, No. 52, R. A. M.; Trinity Commandery, No. 20, K. T.; Akdar Temple of the Mystic Shrine and also to the Knights of Pythias. He is likewise a member of the Rotary Club and belongs to the Spanish War Veterans and to the American Legion, his patriotism and loyalty to American interests being just as marked in days of peace as in times of war. Along professional lines he has membership with the Tulsa, Oklahoma State and American Medical Associations.

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#### LOUIS H. WITWER.

Louis H. Witwer, secretary of the Janelen Company, also of the Valley Oil Company and who is in the real estate business for himself under the firm name of L. H. Witwer & Company, has made his home in Tulsa since the 1st of January, 1917, and through the intervening period of four years has not only become well known as a representative of oil interests, but has gained high regard as a citizen, owing to his cooperation in many projects and measures for the general good. He was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, December 13, 1887, a son of H. E. and Harriet (Baker) Witwer, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. In their family were six children, four of whom are living. The father, who was born in Williamsburg, Pennsylvania, engaged in the wholesale grocery business in Cedar Rapids for many years following his removal to the middle west, but is now retired, enjoying in well earned rest the fruits of his former toil. At the time of the civil war he put aside all business and personal consid-

erations and joined the army, so that he now proudly wears the little bronze button which proclaims him a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He has membership in the Masonic fraternity and his religious faith is manifest in connection with the Christian church.

Louis H. Witwer at the usual age became a pupil in the public schools of Cedar Rapids and there also pursued his high school course. He received his initial business training and experience under the direction of his father, spending eight years in the latter's wholesale grocery house, and winning through individual merit and ability promotion to the position of traffic salesman and later to that of sales manager. He afterward turned his attention to the real estate business which he conducted in Cedar Rapids, and on the 1st of January, 1917, he arrived in Tulsa, where he has become well known through his connection with the oil interests, being now the secretary of the Janellen Company and also of the Valley Oil Company.

In 1910 Mr. Witwer was united in marriage to Miss Florence Green, a native of Iowa, and a daughter of Thomas R. Green, and they now have two children: Ellen, and Louis Heston Witwer, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Witwer occupy an enviable position in those social circles where true worth and intelligence are accepted as passport into good society. They belong to the Christian church, taking active and helpful interest in its work, and Mr. Witwer is serving as one of the deacons. Politically he is a republican and he never withholds his support from activities and interests for the public good. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity and to the Young Men's Christian Association, and his life has always been governed by principles which neither seek nor require disguise. He has ever maintained high standards and in his active career has won not only success, but also an honored name.

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### JOHN RAYMOND MANION.

John Raymond Manion, president of the Sinclair Pipe Line Company of Tulsa, is a man capable of handling big business propositions. He attacks everything with a contagious enthusiasm, but at all times his zeal and enterprise are tempered by sound judgment that is based upon clear insight into every situation. In the past few years he has greatly broadened the scope of the business of the Sinclair Pipe Line Company, adequately meeting the business conditions of the firm and laying a sound basis for future development and success. Mr. Manion brought to his connection with the oil interests of the southwest a broad experience gained in Ohio and Pennsylvania. He is a native of the latter state, his birth having occurred in McClintockville, December 16, 1875, his parents being Michael and Mary (Fitzgerald) Manion. Spending his youthful days in his native town, he there attended the public and high schools, and his oil career began with the opening of the prolific pool at McDonald, Pennsylvania. In 1894, when a youth in his nineteenth year, Mr. Manion became engineer and telegraph operator for the Southwest Pennsylvania Pipe Line Company at McDonald, occupying the position for two years. In the succeeding period of two years he was engineer and gauger with the Buckeye Pipe Line Company in Wood county, Ohio, and then became connected with the National Transit Company of Bradford, Pennsylvania, acting as engineer and gauger in connection with pipe line construction. He continued with that company for a period of five years, from 1898 until 1903, when he was transferred by them to the Venango, Clarion district, where



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he remained until 1905. Through the following year he was foreman of a district with the Prairie Oil & Gas Company of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, thus transferring his activities to the southwest. In 1906 and 1907 he was at Cleveland, Ohio, and in 1907 and 1908 at Tulsa, Oklahoma. In the latter year the Prairie Oil & Gas Company made him division superintendent of Independence, Kansas, where he continued until 1914, when he was returned to Tulsa and became assistant general superintendent, so serving until 1916. In the latter year the Sinclair interests purchased the properties of the Cudahy and Milliken Companies, at which time Mr. Manion left the employ of the Prairie Oil & Gas Company to accept the position of vice president and general manager of the Sinclair Pipe Line Company. He was later elected president and so continues. In the past four years this company has widely extended its operations, having now an eight-inch line from the Oklahoma-Kansas fields to Chicago and one of similar size between the Oklahoma and Texas fields. This work was accomplished directly under the supervision of Mr. Manion. Identified with the oil industry from the age of nineteen years, the steps in his orderly progression are easily discernible. As his powers have developed, increasing duties and responsibilities have come to him and today he occupies a position of leadership among the oil operators in the southwest.

On the 9th of November, 1914, Mr. Manion was married to Miss Sarah Freely, of Allegany, New York, and they have become parents of three sons: Raymond, Kenneth and Edward. Mr. Manion is a Catholic in religious faith and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, also to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His political support is given to the republican party, but the honors of office have had no attraction for him. He belongs to the Chamber of Commerce of Tulsa and cooperates heartily in its well defined plans for the upbuilding of the city. He is also a member of the Country Club, and for recreation he turns to fishing, golf, motoring and hunting. These, however, have never been allowed to interfere with the faithful performance of his business duties and, learning day by day valuable lessons in the school of experience, he has become a most forceful and resourceful factor in connection with the oil industry of Oklahoma.

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#### HAL F. RAMBO.

The rapid development of Tulsa and the establishment of manifold business interests here have been the means of bringing to the city many prominent and capable young professional men. Active in the practice of law is Hal F. Rambo, who was born at Elk Falls, Kansas, June 12, 1891. He was one of two children—and is the only one now living—who were born to C. W. and Alice Jeannette (Fletcher) Rambo, the former a native of Shelby, Ohio, while the latter was born in Madison, Maine. With their removal to Oklahoma the family lived at Pawnee and later removed to Guthrie, where the father, C. W. Rambo, served as territorial treasurer and was prominent in shaping the early development and history of the state. He is a Civil war veteran and at all times has been a loyal supporter of every plan and measure which he has deemed of benefit and value to the community, the commonwealth and the country. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party, and fraternally he is a Knights Templar and Consistory Mason and a member of the Mystic Shrine. Business cares no longer claim his attention and he is at this time a resident of Tulsa.

Hal F. Rambo pursued his early education in the public schools of Pawnee

and Guthrie, Oklahoma, and afterward completed his high school studies at Ottawa, Kansas. He next entered the University of Kansas, from which he was graduated with the class of 1913, having completed his law course with the degree of LL. B. On the 1st of July of the same year he was admitted to practice at the Kansas bar and entered upon the active work of the profession in that state. For two years he practiced in Kansas and in Denver, Colorado, and came to Tulsa in December, 1915, recognizing the splendid field offered in this rapidly growing city. He was associated with the firm of Rice & Lyons until the 1st of September, 1919, and is now practicing as a member of the firm of Lashley & Rambo, with offices in the Kennedy building. He has done much important work in the field of corporation law and his firm is well known as representing the Roxana Petroleum Corporation, the Kawfield Oil Company and other interests of similar nature. He belongs to both the Tulsa County Bar Association and the State Bar Association, and is secretary of the former.

On the 4th of September, 1916, Mr. Rambo was married to Miss Alice Josephine Spencer, a daughter of W. S. Spencer, a former resident of Guthrie, Oklahoma, and now a well known oil man of Denver, Colorado.

Mr. Rambo is widely known through various membership connections, belonging to the Sigma Alpha Epsilon college fraternity, the Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity and the Alumni Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon of Tulsa, of which he is the president. He is a Mason, having membership in Delta Lodge, No. 425, A. F. & A. M., in Guthrie Consistory, A. & A. S. R., and in Akdar Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. His church relationship is with the Presbyterian denomination and his political belief is that of the republican party, which he has supported since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He does not seek nor desire office, but gives earnest allegiance to all political measures for the public good and no one questions the integrity of his opinion or has reason to regard his position upon any vital question as an equivocal one.

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#### ELTON B. HUNT.

Elton B. Hunt, member of the law firm of Hunt & Eagleton, practicing at Tulsa, was born May 24, 1886, a son of Jacob and Emily Elizabeth (Broyles) Hunt, the former a farmer residing at Alex, Oklahoma. The family comes of English ancestry but has been represented in America for about two hundred years. Representatives of the family have resided in Virginia, Tennessee, Illinois and Missouri and now in Oklahoma.

Elton B. Hunt obtained his early education in the Kendall school when it was located in Muskogee, and afterward was graduated from the Academy at Park College, in Parkville, Missouri. He continued his more specifically literary course in the Colorado College and won his Bachelor of Arts degree upon graduation with the class of 1910. He was graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1913, with the degree of LL. B., and at once entered upon active practice, in which he has since engaged. Through the intervening period of eight years he has made steady professional progress and is now enjoying a large clientage as senior partner in the firm of Hunt & Eagleton, which was formed in June, 1919. He has been assistant county attorney, in charge of the civil law business of Tulsa county, for the years 1919 and 1920, serving for the full two years.

On the 1st of June, 1918, at Norman, Oklahoma, Mr. Hunt was married to

Miss Olive Eagleton, daughter of Judge W. L. Eagleton, of that place, who is a prominent Mason and district judge in the state of Oklahoma, represented elsewhere in this work. They now have one child, Elizabeth Ann. Mr. Hunt is a democrat in his political views, having supported the party since attaining his majority. He belongs to the Sigma Chi Alumni Chapter of Tulsa and also to the Tulsa City Club. While in the university he was a very active member of the Sigma Chi and also became a member of the Phi Delta Phi, a legal fraternity, and the honorary debating fraternity of Delta Sigma Rho. He belongs to the Masons and the nature of his interests and the rules which govern his conduct are further indicated in his membership in the First Presbyterian church of Tulsa.

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### HOMER M. PRESTON.

Homer M. Preston, of Pennsylvania and of Tulsa, has become identified with important corporate interests in various sections of the country and has operated extensively in the oil fields of Oklahoma, where he now has large and profitable holdings. He was born in Farmington, Warren county, Pennsylvania, December 1, 1860, a son of Lorenzo P. and Julia (Northrup) Preston. He comes from sturdy Scotch stock, the family being founded in America in 1830 by his grandfather, who settled in Warren county, Pennsylvania, and there purchased sixty acres of land, a tract that has never passed out of possession of the family since that time. The property is now owned by Homer M. Preston and he has at different times extended the boundaries of the farm until it is a stock farm of more than fifteen hundred acres and is considered one of the finest and most valuable places in Pennsylvania.

Homer M. Preston spent the greater part of thirty-five years on that farm and until his sixteenth year was a pupil in the district schools near his father's home. He was thirty years of age when in 1890 he began producing oil at Pleasantville, Pennsylvania, where he operated with reasonable success until 1896. He then disposed of his holdings in that state and went to Lewis county, West Virginia, where he became heavily interested in producing gas and in acquiring property in what at that time was an entirely new field. He became a well known figure in business circles in that section.

In the year 1906 Mr. Preston in a measure transferred his activities from the east to the west. In that year he made his way to Bartlesville, Oklahoma, where he began operations which have placed him in the front rank among the leading oil and gas men of the country. He became the vice president of the Oklahoma Producing & Refining Corporation and active in the management of the Oklahoma State Oil Company, the Monitor Oil & Gas Company and other producing companies. In 1917 these interests were taken over by the Oklahoma Producing and Refining Company. Along other lines Mr. Preston has continued his activities and is now a director of the First National Bank of Jamestown, New York, a director of the Warren National Bank at Warren, Pennsylvania, also of the Exchange National Bank of Tulsa. His business interests have also included connection with the firm of Knapp, Hoskins & Preston, manufacturers of carbon black, at Warren, Pennsylvania, with factories in West Virginia and Oklahoma. He was likewise elected vice president and one of the directors of the Warren & Jamestown Street Railway and was connected with the Union Traction Company of Coffeyville and Independence, Kansas.

He was associated with Southwestern Interurban Railroad at Winfield, Kansas, and became financially and officially interested in gas and engine plants, in furniture factories and other important business affairs which included several large farms in Pennsylvania and New York. After his removal to Bartlesville in 1906 he built the Onapaw gas lines from Bartlesville, Oklahoma, to Joplin, Missouri. In 1911 he largely concentrated upon Tulsa and became president, treasurer and general manager of the Oklahoma State Oil Company, of the Tulsa Oil Company and of the Terrain Oil Company of Casey, Illinois.

It was on the 10th of September, 1884, that Mr. Preston was united in marriage to Miss Stella A. Knapp of Farmington, Pennsylvania, and they have become parents of four children: Harold M., twenty-four years of age; Allen and Ailene, twins, who are thirteen years of age; and Elsie, three years old. Mr. Preston maintains an office in Tulsa but spends much of his time at his place in Pennsylvania. He is, however, a public-spirited citizen, cooperating heartily in many plans and projects for Tulsa's benefit and is identified with all of the leading clubs of the city. Mr. Preston gives his political endorsement to the democratic party and while never a politician in the sense of office seeking, he served as commissioner of Warren county, Pennsylvania, from January 1, 1896, until the 1st of January, 1902. He is a thirty-second degree Mason and aside from his connections with the leading clubs and social organizations of Tulsa he is identified with the Conewango Club of Warren, Pennsylvania, and the Jamestown Club of Jamestown, New York. The story of his life is a record of notable progress, resulting from unflinching industry intelligently directed.

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#### RAYMOND A. BROOMFIELD.

Raymond A. Broomfield, a widely known operator in the oil fields of Oklahoma and now a resident of Tulsa, occupies the position of vice president of the Barnsdall Corporation. He came to this city in the summer of 1919, but his activities have taken him into various sections of the country. He was born in Altoona, Pennsylvania, October 20, 1871, a son of Theodore L. and Ellen (Apps) Broomfield, the former a native of New Jersey, while the latter was born in Kent, England. The family numbered six children, three of whom are living. The father is a millwright and is now actively engaged in business in Buffalo, New York. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity and is a loyal follower of the teachings of the Episcopal church. During the Civil war he joined the army and rendered active aid in defense of the Union.

Raymond A. Broomfield was largely educated in the schools of Toronto, Canada, and in early life was identified with the coal business in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for a short time. He went with the Guffy Petroleum Company in 1900 and was located at Beaumont, Texas. He became associated with T. N. Barnsdall in 1903. He has since been vice president and treasurer of a subsidiary company. He went to California in 1909 and was manager of the California properties of T. N. Barnsdall for ten years with offices in Los Angeles. He was then transferred to Tulsa, where he has since been operating, and here he controls important interests. His business ability, his enterprise and his thorough understanding of the oil industry is manifest in what he is steadily accomplishing for the corporation with which he is identified. Mr. Broomfield is vice president of the Barnsdall Corporation and a director of the Barnsdall Oil Company, the Barnsdall Refining Company, the Barnsdall





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Foster Company, the Victor Oil Company, the Pittsburgh Oil and Gas Company, the Potter Oil Company of California, the Potter Oil Company of Delaware, the Ashland Oil Company and the Imperial Osage Development Company.

On the 26th of October, 1902, Mr. Broomfield was united in marriage to Miss Carrie C. Snyder of Brantford, Ontario, Canada, a daughter of R. H. Snyder. They have become the parents of two sons and two daughters: Dandridge R., seventeen years of age; Helen M., fifteen years of age; Martha Ellen, seven years of age; and Bill, aged three.

Mr. Broomfield is a Scottish Rite Mason, having attained the thirty-second degree in the Consistory, and he also belongs to Al Malaikah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is connected with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and he belongs to the Los Angeles Athletic Club of Los Angeles, California, the Bakersfield (California) Club, the Kansas City Club and the Country Club of Tulsa, also the Tulsa Petroleum Club. He has worked his way steadily upward since starting out in the business world, winning his advancement and promotion through fidelity to the interests which he has represented, combined with indefatigable energy and diligence. He has thoroughly mastered everything he has undertaken, and his labors have been crowned by success that is the outcome of steady promotion, bringing him to a creditable position in connection with the oil industry of Oklahoma.

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#### BENSON W. GRANT.

Men who know Benson W. Grant in his periods of relaxation and diversion find him an enthusiastic hunter and he greatly enjoys a trip into the open after game, but when seen in business connections, recognizing his painstaking care of details, his thoroughness and his progressiveness, one would hardly think that leisure had any part in his program of life. In his business activities he has met with well merited success and is today widely known in the oil circles of the state. Mr. Grant was born in Topeka, Kansas, September 21, 1882, and is a son of Charles Fremont, a mining man, who was born in Minnesota and passed away in 1917, at the age of fifty-six years. He operated from British Columbia to Mexico in silver mining and was also interested in lead and zinc mining in Kansas and Missouri. He belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and his life principles were further indicated in his connection with the Christian church. He married Anna A. Wagner, who was born in Pennsylvania and who passed away in 1896, leaving two sons: Benson W. and Charles F., both residents of Tulsa.

Spending his youthful days under the parental roof Benson W. Grant mastered the branches of learning taught in the public schools of Kansas and afterward became interested in lead and zinc mining, his father's activity and example in this direction leading him to put forth effort in the same field. During 1900-1 he followed the business at Galena, Kansas, and in 1902 he was with the Texas Company at Port Arthur, Texas. When a year had passed he turned his attention to the wholesale grain trade at Beaumont, Texas, and in 1904 he engaged in business as a member of an oil field supply company at Humble, Texas. The following year he entered mercantile circles at Galena, Kansas, there remaining until 1907, and through the succeeding nine years he was associated with the Gulf Pipe Line Company and also with the Gypsy Oil Company, ad-

vancing from an humble clerkship to the position of auditor and then to assistant treasurer of the latter corporation. From April, 1916, until June, 1919, he was connected with the Cosden Oil & Gas Company as assistant treasurer. His activities have thus been extensive and of an important character and his labors have been a forceful element in the development, production and marketing of the oil products of the southwest. He came to Tulsa on the 20th of May, 1907, and after long association with organized oil interests here he started in the oil business as an independent producer on the 1st of June, 1919. Success is attending his efforts as a result of his knowledge of the game, his thoroughness, his aggressiveness and painstaking care of all details having to do with the business.

On the 24th of November, 1904, Mr. Grant was married at Galena, Kansas, to Miss Gertrude Fay Anderson, and their children are: Florence, Charles, Benson W., Frank, Earl and Paul, the eldest being now fifteen years of age. Mr. Grant is decidedly a home man, finding his greatest happiness at his own fireside and enjoying nothing better than promoting the welfare and comfort of his wife and children. Both Mr. and Mrs. Grant are members of the First Methodist Episcopal church and he is serving on its official board. He is also a teacher in the Sunday school and is a leader in the moves for better citizenship. He has served for eight years as a member of the board of directors of the Young Men's Christian Association, has been its vice president and formerly served as secretary of its board and as treasurer of the association. Mr. Grant is a York and Scottish Rite Mason and member of the Mystic Shrine. He gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and in many ways manifests his devotion to the public welfare. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club, also the Oakhurst Country Club and the City Club, and recognizes the value of play as well as of work in the maintenance of an even balance in the affairs of life.

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### JACK A. PORTER.

Jack A. Porter, well known in insurance circles in Tulsa, is a member of the firm of Pearce, Porter & Martin, his associates in the business being J. Stewart Pearce and Hunter L. Martin. They handle both insurance and bonds, with offices in the Palace building in Tulsa. Mr. Porter is a western man by birth, training and preference and possesses the spirit of enterprise and progress that has been the dominant factor in the upbuilding of the western section of this great country. His birth occurred in Kearney, Nebraska, October 10, 1889, his parents being Hiram P. and Luella E. (Aitken) Porter, the former born in New York and the latter at Hopkinton, Iowa. The father became a farmer in the Empire state and followed the banking business after his removal to Nebraska but is now living in Tulsa, where he is manager of the LeBaron-Porter Drilling Company, with offices in the Central National Bank building. He is a man of affairs here, active in connection with many interests, and is a loyal follower of Masonry. To him and his wife have been born four children, two of whom are living, Jack A. and Hiram H., the latter connected with the Cosden Oil & Gas Company.

Jack A. Porter was educated in public and high schools of New York and also attended a commercial college. When his textbooks were put aside he went upon the road as a traveling salesman for the J. O. Ballard Company of Malone, New York, manufacturers, whom he represented for a year. In

August, 1909, he arrived in Tulsa and was associated for a short time with a paving contracting firm. He later engaged in business as an employe of electrical contractors and on the 1st of January, 1913, he became associated with J. S. Pearce in the insurance business and in time their firm connections were extended to include Mr. Martin under the present style of Pearce, Porter & Martin. They have the general agency for the Aetna Life Insurance Company and the Aetna Casualty Insurance Company. They are also state agents for the Automobile Fire Insurance Company and are local agents for a dozen or more of the leading fire insurance companies of the country. They have built up a business of large and gratifying proportions and are familiar with every phase of insurance.

On the 10th of July, 1920, Mr. Porter was married to Miss Ethel Crosbie, daughter of John E. Crosbie, the president of the Central National Bank of Tulsa and one of the pioneers and big oil men of this city. Mr. Porter belongs to Delta Lodge, No. 425, A. F. & A. M., and has taken the degrees of York Rite Masonry. He likewise belongs to Akdar Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Tulsa and has membership with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is always a welcome visitor at the rooms of the Tulsa Petroleum Club, the Country Club and the Kiwanis Club, in all of which he holds membership. The Episcopal church numbers him among its communicants and he is a loyal follower of all those forces and interests which he believes will contribute to the material, intellectual, social and moral progress of his adopted city.

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#### CHARLES WILLIAM KERR, D. D.

Rev. Charles William Kerr, who is serving for the twenty-second year as pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Tulsa, has the distinction of having held the longest pastorate of any minister in the state of Oklahoma. His birth occurred at Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania, on the 2d of April, 1875, his parents being T. A. and Annie (Miller) Kerr. The mother passed away in 1875, but the father is still living and for more than forty years has been actively engaged in the mercantile business at Parkers Landing, Pennsylvania. Both the paternal and maternal grandparents of Rev. Mr. Kerr were of Scotch descent and came to the new world from the north of Ireland, taking up their abode among the early settlers of western Pennsylvania.

Charles W. Kerr began his education in a country school and subsequently became a student in the Slippery Rock State Normal School, from which he graduated in 1893. He holds a life certificate as a teacher and for two years following his graduation from the above named institution he taught in the schools of Parkers Landing, at the same time making up college studies under a private tutor. In the fall of 1895 he entered the Western Theological Seminary at Allegheny, Pennsylvania, for he had determined to devote his life to the work of the ministry. Three years later he was graduated from the McCormick Theological Seminary of Chicago, while in 1918 the degree of D. D. was conferred upon him. The day following the completion of his course at the McCormick Seminary he started for Edmond, Oklahoma, and from the 10th of May, 1898, until February 10, 1900, he served as pastor of Presbyterian churches at that place and at Waterloo. Since the latter date he has held the pastorate of the First Presbyterian church of Tulsa, covering a period of more than twenty-one years, during which the membership of the

church has kept pace with the remarkable growth and development of Tulsa, which was a village of only one thousand population when Mr. Kerr took up his ministerial duties here. Under his guidance the congregation has steadily grown in numerical strength until the members now number two thousand one hundred and sixty-five and the church has become a potent force for moral progress in the community. The small church at the beginning was able to pay Dr. Kerr but four hundred and twenty-five dollars, while the remainder of his salary of eight hundred dollars was contributed by the Home Mission Board. Today the First Presbyterian church of Tulsa is in a prosperous and flourishing condition and the pastor has the whole-hearted and loyal support of his congregation.

On the 6th of September, 1898, at Parkers Landing, Pennsylvania, Rev. Mr. Kerr was united in marriage to Miss Anna E. Coe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Coe of that place. They have become the parents of two children: Hawley Coe, nineteen years of age, a junior in the University of Tulsa; and Margaret R., who is a maiden of sixteen summers and is a junior in the Tulsa high school. In his wife Dr. Kerr has an able and devoted assistant in all of his church work.

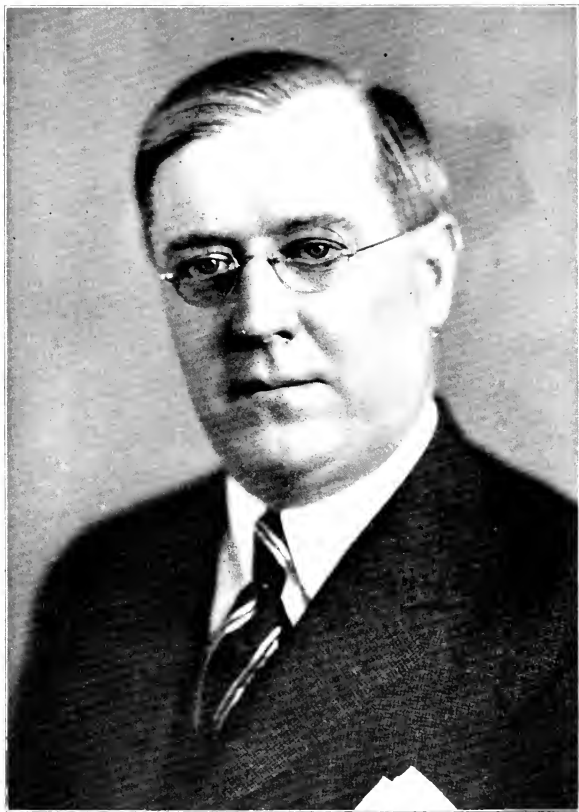
Politically Dr. Kerr maintains an independent attitude, always standing for good government, irrespective of party. Fraternally he is identified with Tulsa Lodge, No. 71, A. F. & A. M., and Indian Consistory, No. 2, of McAlester, Oklahoma. He is a director of the City Club and has been a trustee of the University of Tulsa from the time of its establishment here thirteen years ago. He is chairman of the Home Mission Committee of the Tulsa Presbytery and has also been an active member of the Religious Work Committee since the organization of the local Y. M. C. A. Throughout the period of the World war he served as one of the Four-Minute men for Tulsa county, assisted in all the war drives and devoted some time to Y. M. C. A. work in Texas camps. His career has been one of great usefulness and worth, for with consecrated zeal he has labored untiringly for the upbuilding of his church and community.

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#### PATRICK M. MISKELL.

Patrick M. Miskell, possessing tact, force and ability of the highest order and in fact all the qualities which are deemed of value in the attainment of success, is now a prominent figure in the oil circles of Oklahoma, and is a valued resident of Tulsa. He was born in Dublin, Ireland, September 29, 1876, and is one of the five living children in a family of six, whose parents were Thomas and Mary (Murphy) Miskell, likewise natives of the Emerald isle. When thirty-three years of age the father came to the United States with his family, settling in Pennsylvania, where he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. He now resides at Kane, that state, but has retired from active business.

Patrick M. Miskell obtained his education in the public schools of Kane and like his father entered the railway service, being connected with the Pennsylvania system for eleven years in various positions in the operating department. He afterward entered the employ of the Kane Bank & Trust Company, with which he served five years, and then became identified with the Barnsdall Corporation, oil pipe line contractors, laying pipe lines in Oklahoma and Kansas.



PATRICK M. MISKELL





After three years spent in that connection he returned to Pennsylvania, settling at Bradford, where he was in charge of the estate of William Barnsdall for five years. On the expiration of that period he became associated with the American Refining Company and in June, 1916, this corporation was acquired by the Empire Refineries, Inc., a subsidiary of the Cities Service Company, and Mr. Miskell was made manager thereof. The qualities he has displayed show him to be a high grade, all-around business man, possessed of honesty, energy and indefatigable industry.

In 1909 Mr. Miskell was united in marriage to Miss Katherine Miller, a daughter of E. E. Miller, superintendent of schools at Bradford, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Miskell have won many friends during the period of their residence in Tulsa, and occupy an enviable social position. He is well known as a member of the Country Club and the Petroleum Club, also of the Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, and is a member of the executive committee of the Western Petroleum Refiners Association. He belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and his political support is given to the republican party, but his time and attention are concentrated upon business affairs rather than upon politics or club life, and when one discusses any phase of the business with which Mr. Miskell is identified he recognizes that he is thoroughly acquainted therewith and is in every way master of the situation.

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#### ROBERT EDWARD FULLER.

It is impossible to determine what would be the history of Oklahoma were it not for its oil fields. The development of its oil resources within the past few years has been to the state what the automobile industry is to Detroit, what the packing industry is to Chicago. The oil fields have constituted a mammoth source of revenue and their development has called forth the labors of men of keen insight, of broad vision and of marked business ability. In this class belongs Robert Edward Fuller of Tulsa, who was born on a farm near West Union, Fayette county, Iowa, December 6, 1888. His father, William E. Fuller, was a native of Pennsylvania and was a member of the bar who not only engaged in the practice of law but aided in framing the laws of the country as a member of congress. Later he became assistant attorney general of the United States under President McKinley. He married Louise Harper, who passed away in 1901, after rearing seven of their nine children. Mr. Fuller died in Washington, D. C., in 1918.

Robert E. Fuller obtained a public school education in Iowa and later attended the Bordentown Military Institute of New Jersey, from which he was graduated in 1906. He spent two years as a student in the Upper Iowa University. The year 1909 witnessed his arrival in Tulsa, at which time he became identified with the oil industry and is now extensively engaged in producing oil properties. The operation of the oil fields under his control has not only contributed to his individual prosperity but has also been an element in the development and progress of the state.

On the 11th of March, 1913, Mr. Fuller married Miss Gladys Green, of Los Angeles, California. They have two children: Robert E., Jr., four years of age; and Betty, in her first year. Mr. Fuller belongs to the Masonic lodge, to the Chamber of Commerce and to the Country Club of Tulsa. He is likewise identified with the University and Athletic Clubs of Los Angeles and the

Los Angeles Country Club. He is also a member of the Mayflower Society and of the Sons of the American Revolution—associates that indicate his ancestral line, which can be traced back to the earliest period of settlement in that section of the country, and the fact that his ancestors were among those who fought for American independence in the Revolutionary war. Mr. Fuller is a republican in his political views and religiously is connected with the First Methodist Episcopal church of Tulsa.

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### JOSEPH ALBERT GILL.

The history of the bar and bench of Oklahoma would be incomplete and unsatisfactory were there failure to make reference to Joseph Albert Gill, a distinguished member of the bar and a man who in many ways has been connected with the state's development and progress, his progressive spirit leaving an indelible impress upon events which have largely shaped the records of Tulsa and of Oklahoma. Mr. Gill was born in Wheeling, West Virginia, February 17, 1854. His father, John W. Gill, was one of the early manufacturers of iron, of silk and of paper at Wheeling, West Virginia, where he conducted business interests of large extent. He was a member of the Society of Friends and Quakers and died in that faith in Springfield, Illinois, in 1872. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Rhoda S. Smith, was born in Columbus, Ohio, and was a daughter of Judge David Smith, who at one time served on the bench of the county court and was also editor of the Columbus News. The family numbered eight children, three of whom passed away in infancy, and five are living.

Joseph Albert Gill obtained his education in the schools of Springfield, Illinois, and with a desire to make the practice of law his life work began preparing for the bar. In 1880 he passed the required examination before the supreme court of Illinois and entered upon the active practice of law in Springfield, that state, where he remained for three years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Astoria, Oregon, where an equal time was passed, and later he took up his abode at Colby in western Kansas, there residing for thirteen years, engaged in the active practice of law. From President McKinley he received appointment to the position of judge of the northern district of Indian Territory, being named for the office in December, 1899, and serving continuously until 1907. He was reappointed by President Roosevelt in 1904 and continued to act in that position until Oklahoma's admission into the Union. In many ways he has been closely identified with the development and progress of the state. He was one of the commissioners on the board to secure Oklahoma's admission to the Union, his colleagues in that work being Judge William H. H. Clayton and Tams Bixby.

Mr. Gill has continuously resided in Oklahoma since December, 1899, when he located at Vinita, and through the intervening period there is probably no representative of the bar who has become more widely known or whose ability entitles him more to public respect and professional confidence. Mr. Gill, as justice of the court of appeals in Indian Territory, wrote many opinions deciding causes appealed to that court which are reported in the seven volumes of Indian Territory reports and he has also been well known as the editor of various papers in Kansas and on the Pacific coast. He has long been a close student of men and events. His insight is keen, his deductions sound and

logical and his enterprise unfaltering. He is a lawyer of wide learning and one who has written his name high on the keystone of the legal arch of Oklahoma.

In December, 1887, Mr. Gill was united in marriage to Miss Nannie Donahue of Omaha, Nebraska, a daughter of Michael Donahue of Clinton, Illinois. The children of this marriage are: Mrs. Edna McClintock, whose husband is Roy M. McClintock, a journalist, and editor of the *Courier News* of Fargo, North Dakota; Rose Miriam, a teacher in the English high school at Vinita; and Joseph A., who was born in Oklahoma, and who is engaged in the coal business with his father near Tulsa.

Mr. and Mrs. Gill hold membership in the Baptist church, in the work of which they take an active and helpful part, contributing generously to its support. Mr. Gill gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is most loyal in all matters of citizenship. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, having become identified with the consistory and he also belongs to Akdar Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He has membership with the Knights of Pythias and there is no good work done in the name of charity or religion which seeks his aid in vain. His wife is especially active and helpful in church work and in the social interests of Vinita and the labors of both have been resultant factors for good, accomplishing much for public benefit, while at the same time Mr. Gill has long occupied a position of distinction as one of the leading lawyers of his adopted state.

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### JAMES A. VEASEY.

James A. Veasey is one of the leading attorneys of Oklahoma, practicing at Tulsa. Residing in Tulsa he is a representative of important oil and gas interests, having confined his attention to corporation law, and he is now counsel for the Carter Oil Company. Mr. Veasey was born near Louisville, Kentucky, October 24, 1876, a son of Joseph M. and Sarah R. (Rogers) Veasey. After attending a preparatory school he continued his education in the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, from which he won the Bachelor of Arts degree, gaining his LL. B. degree from the same school in 1902. He was reared in Jeffersonville, Indiana, and in 1902 came to Oklahoma, settling at Bartlesville in 1904. In 1913 he removed to Tulsa and became associated with Roger Sherman in a partnership that was maintained for two years. He has always given his attention to civil practice and particularly to corporation law, and is now chief counsel for the Carter Oil Company. Prior to entering upon this connection he had been a member of the law firm of Sherman, Veasey & O'Meara. His experiences have thus been broad and varied and his capability has been developed along lines that have made him one of the prominent representatives of the Oklahoma bar. The Carter Oil Company, which he now represents as general counsel, is one of the largest in the United States. Moreover, he is a non-resident lecturer on law of oil and gas for the University of Michigan, and the lectures which he has there delivered have been published in the *Michigan Law Review*.

On the 19th of November, 1904, Mr. Veasey was united in marriage to Miss Olive Bolen of Missouri, and they have become parents of three children: Mary Elizabeth, Dorothy and James A., aged respectively, fifteen, thirteen and eight years.

Mr. Veasey gives his political allegiance to the republican party. Externally he is a Mason, having taken the degrees of both the York and Scottish Rites, while with the Nobles of Akdar Temple of the Mystic Shrine he has crossed the sands of the desert. He belongs to the Country Club, which is a golf club, and greatly enjoys the game on the links. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church, and his membership along strictly professional lines is with the Tulsa County, the Oklahoma State and the American Bar Associations.

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### CHARLES LOUIS HUONKER.

The story of the oil find and the development of the oil fields of Oklahoma reads like a romance. There is much that is thrilling in the tale of oil activity here, yet back of all that has been accomplished there is scientific investigation, logical deduction and indefatigable industry. This is manifest in the life record of Charles Louis Huonker, who is a partner in the firm of King & Huonker, oil producers of Tulsa. He was born in St. Louis, Missouri, April 19, 1875, his parents being Charles Louis and Fannie (Lowman) Huonker. The father, a native of Wurttemberg, Germany, came to the United States when eighteen years of age and settled in St. Louis, where he was employed as a machinist and engaged also in the plumbing business for more than forty-five years, his energy and enterprise winning for him substantial success as the years passed. He served four years in the Civil war in the First Missouri Infantry, though he was not yet a naturalized citizen of the United States. He was also very prominent as a chapter and commandery Mason and was a member of the Lutheran church.

Charles L. Huonker attended the public schools and a business college of St. Louis and afterward learned the machinist's and plumber's trade thoroughly under the direction of his father. He was then admitted to a partnership in the business under the style of C. L. Huonker & Sons, being thus associated until 1896, when he became a partner in the Broadway Jewelry Company of St. Louis. In March, 1904, he arrived in Tulsa, where he organized the National Plumbing Company, for that was just being introduced into Tulsa. He was appointed gas and electrical inspector of Tulsa under Dr. C. L. Reeder and likewise served under Mayor John O. Mitchell. He next became interested as secretary and treasurer in the Hawley Engineering Company, construction engineers, and while engaged in that business organized the West Tulsa Belt Railroad, of which he became secretary and treasurer, a line that connected the St. Louis & San Francisco with the Midland Valley Railroad. These railroads took over the West Tulsa Belt Line. The Hawley Engineering Company also operated the sand plant which furnished the sand used in the first paving of the city. Throughout his business career Mr. Huonker has been continually watchful of opportunities and his alertness and enterprise have enabled him to recognize chances and advantages which many others have passed by heedlessly. Thus from time to time he has changed his business connections or broadened the scope of his activities. In 1912 he became secretary and treasurer of the Tulsa Portland Cement Company and was active in the management and control of its affairs until 1917, when he became a partner of C. E. King and under the firm name of King & Huonker, they have since been well known as oil operators in the Nowata field. C. L. Huonker enlisted at St. Louis at the

outbreak of the Spanish-American war and went out as first lieutenant of "E" Company, known as the "Rainwater Rifles," First Regiment Missouri National Guard, and served at Chickamauga Park. He joined the Missouri National Guard as a boy of seventeen and went up from private to first lieutenant. He was active in military circles up to 1904, when he came to Tulsa.

On the 24th of March, 1904, Mr. Huonker was married to Miss Beulah Hall, a native of Oswego, Kansas. Her father, Harry C. Hall, was born April 10, 1841, in Belfast, Tennessee, and died in Springfield, Missouri, March 10, 1895. He was a son of Hugh A. and Esther (Ramsey) Hall and was descended from Revolutionary war ancestry. His boyhood and youth were passed in Tennessee, where he acquired his education and at nineteen years of age he went west, having many interesting experiences as a frontiersman while engaged on the preliminary work for the Union Pacific Railroad between Omaha and Ogden. He acted as a guide with the old scout, David Mount, obtaining supplies and provisions for the troops. He became a contractor in the early '60s on the Union Pacific and afterward established a store in a tent at Rawlins, Wyoming. In 1872 he removed to Oswego, Kansas, where he engaged in the milling business in connection with Robert Howell, father of his wife. In 1880 the mill was destroyed by fire and he then reentered the contracting field in connection with the building of the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad between Vinita and Sapulpa, the line passing through Tulsa and Red Fork. The operation of trains was begun in 1883 and in the previous year Mr. Hall operated a commissary store in Tulsa and thus became one of the pioneers of the city. He conducted his business under the style of H. C. Hall & Company and the business steadily and rapidly developed until his interests had reached mammoth proportions. He also had stores at Sapulpa and Mounds. His younger brother, J. M. Hall, conducted the Tulsa store and the first services of the Presbyterian church ever held in Tulsa were held in his store. Mr. Hall, however, was a member of the Episcopal church, but being broad-minded, assisted in any good work done in the name of religion. He was a Mason, belonging to the lodge, chapter and commandery at Oswego, Kansas, and became a consistory Mason before a lodge was established in Indian Territory. His attitude on educational matters was that of a most progressive man and at all times he was widely recognized as an upright and useful citizen. He was married in Oswego, Kansas, to Miss Hettie C. Howell, who was born in Watertown, Wisconsin, a daughter of his partner in the mill and a descendant of Daniel Greene of Revolutionary war fame. She now resides in Tulsa. They became the parents of two children, the younger being Robert H. Hall, who established the Indianola Telephone Company, the first telephone company in Tulsa. The daughter is Mrs. Beulah (Hall) Huonker.

Mr. Huonker has long been a faithful adherent of Masonic teachings and is prominent in the chapter and commandery. He became one of the early members of Tulsa Lodge, No. 71, A. F. & A. M., and assisted in organizing Petroleum Lodge, No. 474, A. F. & A. M., of which he is not only a charter member but also a life member. He has taken the degrees of Capitular and Chivalric Masonry as a member of the chapter and commandery and he belongs to Indian Consistory, No. 2, of which he is a life member, and to Akdar Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of which he is recorder, having been elected May 13, 1921. He is much interested in the Patrol and has been its secretary-treasurer since 1915. Mr. Huonker is secretary and treasurer of Trinity Commandery drill team, the crack drill team of Oklahoma. His political endorsement has always been given to the republican party and while he fully meets the duties and obliga-

tions of citizenship he has never sought nor desired public office. He was one of the five who organized the Episcopal church of Tulsa and gave generously for the building of a house of worship. He also served for some time as secretary of the vestry. Each Christmas he has a big Christmas tree, builds electric railroads and tunnels and invites all of the children in to participate in the joys of that happy season. Fond of society he is a leader in many social affairs and at the same time is ever ready to lend aid to one who needs assistance. He has ever been a great reader, being especially fond of current literature and the popular magazines and has kept thoroughly informed concerning advancement made along mechanical and electrical lines. Ambitious, honest, and conservative there is little to be said against him and much to be said in favor and commendation of Charles Louis Huonker.

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#### MORTIMER A. HOUSER, M. D.

Dr. Mortimer A. Houser was the first physician in Tulsa to confine his practice exclusively to surgery and the consensus of public opinion names him as the leading surgeon of this part of the west. Born in Mondovi, Wisconsin, April 30, 1880, he pursued his early education in the public schools of his native city while spending his youthful days in the home of his father, Hon. W. L. Houser. Following his graduation from the high school of Mondovi he entered the University of Wisconsin and later became a student in the University of Chicago, from which he was graduated with the class of 1898. His preparation for a professional career was made in Rush Medical College of Chicago and the Milwaukee Medical College and his completed collegiate training gained for him the degrees of A. B., A. M. and M. D. With high professional ideals he entered upon active practice, concentrating more and more largely upon surgery, to which for some years he has given his undivided time. In fact he was the first physician in Tulsa to confine his practice exclusively to surgery. He dates his residence in this state from 1910, and steadily forging to the front in a calling where advancement must depend entirely upon individual merit and capability, he may without invidious distinction be called the leading surgeon of this part of the west.

In 1919 Dr. Houser was married to Miss Jennie Carlson, of Independence, Kansas. He is well known in Masonic circles, having become a member of Consistory No. 2 at Guthrie, Oklahoma, of the Scottish Rite and of Akdar Temple of the Mystic Shrine of Tulsa. He also belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and he is identified with the Country Club and other leading clubs of Tulsa.

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#### ARCH D. GRIDER.

A man of keen business discernment and sound judgment, Arch D. Grider has made for himself a prominent place in business circles of Tulsa as president of the Arch D. Grider, Inc., and vice president of the Buffalo Refining Company, refiners and marketers. He was born at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on the 6th day of May, 1878, a son of Daniel and Sarah J. (Elson) Grider. Both parents were born in Wisconsin and are now living in Milwaukee, at the ages

of seventy-six and sixty-eight, respectively. Daniel Grider won prominence in the brick manufacturing business, which line of work he followed for many years, becoming financially independent. He is now retired and enjoying the many luxuries to which his early years of labor entitle him.

The public schools of Milwaukee afforded Arch D. Grider an education and upon putting his textbooks aside his first work was in connection with the lime and cement business at Milwaukee. For some time he remained in that work and then engaged in the lithographing business, operating in both his native city and Chicago for five successful years. In 1915 he came to Oklahoma and located in Tulsa, becoming interested in the oil business, which he conducted as Arch D. Grider, Inc. He later organized the Buffalo Refining Company and has served as its vice president ever since. Major Gordon W. Lillie, known as "Pawnee Bill," and Edward M. Wiest are owners of the latter organization, which operates a refinery at Yale, Oklahoma. Mr. Grider is an astute business man with marked executive ability, who delights in solving intricate and involved business problems and possesses such marked strength of character that his vocabulary contains no such word as fail.

In September, 1913, occurred the marriage of Mr. Grider and Miss Claudine Brice, the ceremony being performed at Paw Paw, Michigan. Mrs. Grider passed away on the 31st of October, 1920, and her death came as a severe blow to her husband and many friends.

The political allegiance of Mr. Grider is given to the republican party, in the interests of which he takes an active part. His religious faith is that of the Protestant church and fraternally he is identified with the Masons and the Elks. In addition to the above named business connections Mr. Grider is vice president of the Pawnee Bill Oil Company and director of the Continental Refining Company. He is an active member of the Tulsa Petroleum Club. His extensive business interests claim the greater part of his time and attention and he has beautifully appointed offices in the Nebraska building. A persistent, resolute and energetic worker he has kept his hand steadily on the helm of his affairs, manifesting at all times strong executive power, and his forceful personality, together with the keenness of his insight and the soundness of his judgment, have brought him to a foremost position in business circles of Tulsa.

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#### CARL W. GILLETTE.

That Carl W. Gillette is a man of unusual business ability is manifest in the results which he has achieved as general manager of the Max Oil Company, and with his splendid powers of organization and executive force he combines a pleasing personality and sound judgment regarding men. He is a native of Missouri, born at Sarcoxie on the 15th of December, 1886. His parents were William K. and Ida W. (Andrae) Gillette, further mention of whom is made in the sketch of James M. Gillette, to be found on another page of this work.

Carl W. Gillette was reared in Missouri, where he received the greater part of his education, but removed to Tulsa at the age of eighteen years and completed his education in the high school here. After putting his textbooks aside he engaged in the abstract business, becoming secretary and manager of the Fidelity Abstract Company of Tulsa, which connection he maintained for five years. After selling his interests in that business Mr. Gillette went to Vinita and opened a set of abstract books for J. W. Orr, who had a chain of twelve

banks, one of them being the First National Bank of Tulsa, of which institution our subject became assistant cashier. After a year in that bank Mr. Gillette engaged in business for himself and in 1919, he, with others, organized the Max Oil Company, of which he became general manager. He does real estate on the side, having started two additions in Tulsa, and makes a specialty of building and selling homes.

On the 14th of May, 1917, occurred the marriage of Mr. Gillette to Miss Bess Stackhouse, a daughter of David and Mary (Troup) Stackhouse, the former a native of Kansas and the latter of Scotland. Her father engaged in the farm loan business in Kansas until his death in 1896 and was regarded as one of the progressive men of the community. Mrs. Stackhouse is still living. One child has been born to the union of Mr. and Mrs. Gillette, Maxine, her natal day being the 29th of December, 1919.

Mr. Gillette gives his support to the republican party, in the interests of which he has taken an active part, although he has neither sought nor desired public office as a reward for party fealty. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church and his fraternal affiliations are with the Masonic order. Thoroughness is one of the marked characteristics of Mr. Gillette and he has mastered every detail of his own business. He has a very wide and favorable acquaintance and occupies a position of prominence by reason of his business ability and standing, his social qualities and his public spirit.

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#### J. L. RIVKIN.

J. L. Rivkin is proprietor of one of the most attractively appointed photographic studios in the southwest and displays a high degree of art in his chosen life work. Constant study and broad experience have continually promoted his efficiency and the extensive patronage now accorded him is indicative of his ability. Mr. Rivkin is a native of Russia. He was born in Kiev, the capital of the Ukraine, in 1877, and was educated under private tutors. Coming to America he spent eight years in study at the Chicago Art Institute, beginning his career as an artist under John Vanderpole and Charles S. Boutwood. He established a studio on Logan boulevard, Chicago, there remaining until he came to Tulsa at the solicitation of F. de Gueldre, with whom he was associated for some time, while later he acquired the business. Mr. Rivkin has won the enviable reputation of being the leading artist of the state and ranks with the highest in the profession throughout the country. Nature endowed him with talent in this direction and his power and discriminating tastes have been continuously developed. His work shows interpretation such as only the finished artist employs. Mr. Rivkin's studio in Tulsa is artistic in every detail. He attends many state and national conventions of photographers, where he is often called upon for papers or for lectures upon subjects relative to the art. His professional attainments were based upon three years' study and experience in Kiev, Russia, before coming to the United States, upon practical training in the Morrison studio of Chicago, his long Art Institute experience and his further investigation that has kept him in touch with all the scientific methods of photography, while his own artistic nature has been the supplement to his acquired skill that has made him a foremost artist of the country.

On the 23d of September, 1910, Mr. Rivkin was married to Miss Tanya Mesirow, who has assisted him in his work and has in great measure aided





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him in winning the success which the studio enjoys. Mr. and Mrs. Rivkin have one son, David. Mr. Rivkin is connected with B'nai B'rith and he is a public-spirited citizen, interested in all movements for the general good. Progressiveness has actuated him at every point in his career, whether relative to his chosen vocation or the public interest.

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A. RAY WILEY, M. D.

Dr. A. Ray Wiley, whose surgical practice, extensive and important, establishes his high standing in professional circles, entered upon his career in Tulsa in 1913, immediately following his graduation from the University of Oklahoma. He was born in Kansas City, Kansas, June 14, 1890, and is a son of Dr. C. Zenos Wiley, who is mentioned elsewhere in this work. He attended the public and high schools of Tulsa and during his youthful days was active in athletic circles. Following his graduation from the high school in 1909 he entered the medical department of the University of Oklahoma, where he pursued his studies through the ensuing scholastic years. He next entered the University Medical College at Kansas City and later spent nine months as an interne in the City Hospital of Kansas City, Missouri. He then again became a student in the University of Oklahoma and was graduated with the M. D. degree in 1913. During his college days he became a member of the Alpha Kappa Kappa.

Dr. Wiley chose Tulsa as a favorable location, coming to this city immediately after his graduation. Here he entered upon private practice, but in 1917-18 specialized in the study of surgery in the Polyclinic Hospital of New York and there served an internship covering fourteen months, while later he became house surgeon of the hospital there. In 1918 he was made a captain of the Oklahoma National Guard. In 1920 he took postgraduate work in surgery in the New York Post Graduate Hospital at New York city. He confines his attention to surgical practice and his work of this character is of an important nature. He is division surgeon for the Frisco Railroad. He is regarded by all who know aught of his career as a most efficient man, who has developed ability and skill of the highest order and added to his efficiency is a pleasing personality that renders him very popular. He is now surgeon for the United States Fidelity & Guarantee Company and handles surgical cases for all of the biggest oil companies operating in this section of the country.

In Tulsa, in 1912, Dr. Wiley was married to Miss Mary Elizabeth Owens, a native of Monticello, Kentucky, and a daughter of Abraham B. Owens, who came to Tulsa in 1903, becoming one of the pioneers here. He engaged in the real estate business, acquiring large holdings which included many important business structures and he is now numbered among the capitalists of the city. Mrs. Wiley is quite prominent in social and club circles in Tulsa. Dr. Wiley finds his chief recreation in motoring and has travelled extensively through the east and south in this way. He is a good road enthusiast and in 1920 was vice president of the Tulsa Automobile Club. He belongs also to the City Club and the Civitan Club and fraternally is connected with Delta Lodge, No. 425, A. F. & A. M., and has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in the Consistory at Guthrie. He likewise belongs to Akdar Temple of the Mystic Shrine. His political endorsement is given to the republican party, but without desire or ambition for office. He is an active member of the Baptist church and supports all measures for the public good, while his professional relationship is with the

Tulsa County, Oklahoma State and American Medical Associations. Moreover, he is widely known through his valuable contributions to the leading journals of the medical profession.

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#### MARK E. DAVIS.

Tulsa numbers among her prominent and progressive business men Mark E. Davis, who since 1911 has made this city his home. In 1913 he formed a partnership with Alfred G. Heggem, becoming junior member of the firm of Heggem and Davis, oil producers. The same year this firm took over the Oil Well Improvements Company, Mr. Davis becoming vice president and general manager. This company manufactures and sells the control casinghead and roller oil saver and their territory is the whole world, wherever petroleum is produced, and their product is handled through jobbers. The company's manufacturing plant is located at Collinsville, Oklahoma.

Like many other prominent men of Tulsa Mark E. Davis is a son by adoption; his birth having occurred at Youngstown, Ohio, on the 24th of August, 1871, his parents being Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Jones) Davis. Both Mr. and Mrs. Davis were natives of Wales, from which country they came to America in infancy with their parents. The father followed the coal business in Youngstown, Ohio, until his death in 1876, and was a representative citizen of the community. The death of his wife occurred one year later.

Mark E. Davis was reared and received his education in the schools of Youngstown, Ohio, and after putting his textbooks aside became associated with the Chatfield and Wood Paper Company of Cincinnati, with which firm he remained five years. At the end of that time he accepted a position with the Deim and Waring Paper Company, likewise of Cincinnati, and spent the next four years with them. He then engaged in the paper brokerage business at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in the operation of which he was active for twenty years, or until 1911, when he came to Tulsa. Mr. Davis has been very successful in all of his undertakings and especially in his present business.

The political allegiance of Mr. Davis is given to the republican party, in the interests of which he takes an active part. In the conduct of his business affairs Mr. Davis has ever followed progressive and constructive methods, he takes a keen and active interest in civic affairs and his cooperation can at all times be counted upon to further any plan or measure for the general good.

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#### JAMES H. MCBIRNEY.

James H. McBirney is the dean of the banking fraternity of Tulsa and is prominently known as the president of the National Bank of Commerce. Ability has brought him prominently to the front and his success is the direct result and outcome of persistent earnest labor and intelligent direction. A native of Ireland, he was born in County Tipperary, March 1, 1870. His father, Hugh McBirney, D. D., was a Methodist Episcopal minister, who came to the United States and was for thirty years engaged in preaching the gospel in southern Kansas, having direct and extensive influence over the moral development of

that section of the country. Eventually he removed to Tulsa, where he retired from active ministerial duties and here passed away in January, 1919. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Susan Mark, was also a native of Ireland, and is still living. By her marriage she became the mother of twelve children, six of whom survive, and all are residents of Tulsa, while three of the brothers are connected with the National Bank of Commerce.

James H. McBirney was but a young lad when brought to the new world and in the public schools of Kansas he pursued his education. He initiated his business career as an employe in the Columbus Bank at Columbus, Kansas, remaining in that institution for three years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Coffeyville, Kansas, and there continued for two years. In 1897 he established his home in Tulsa, where he still resides and throughout the entire period of twenty-four years has been identified with the banking business here. His connection with the financial affairs of the city covers a longer period than that of any other banker. He first became identified with the Tulsa Banking Company, which afterward reorganized the business as the First National Bank, of which he was vice president for some time. In 1904 he became associated with his brothers and organized the Bank of Commerce. In 1911 this was reorganized under the name of the National Bank of Commerce, of which James H. McBirney, was elected the president with S. P. McBirney and C. B. Wallace as vice presidents and A. F. Hendren as cashier. This bank has a paid-in capital stock of two hundred thousand dollars, surplus of one hundred thousand dollars, and deposits amounting to three million dollars. The bank has had a very successful existence, with business steadily increasing, and its policy has at all times been such as to merit the confidence and support of the general public.

In 1901 James H. McBirney was married to Miss Vera Clinton and they have become the parents of four children: Dorothy, seventeen years of age, who is now attending Wellesley College in Wellesley, Massachusetts; Martha, fourteen years of age, attending Dana Hall; Donald, a lad of twelve years, attending Tulsa high school; and Simmons. Mr. McBirney finds his recreation in hunting big game. He is a Mason, belonging to Tulsa Lodge, No. 71, A. F. & A. M., and he has attained the Knights Templar degree in the York Rite and the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He is also a member of Akdar Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He has membership in the First Methodist Episcopal church, as has his wife, and he is president of the board of trustees. Mrs. McBirney is also active in the church and in social and philanthropic work. In club circles Mr. McBirney is well known through his membership in the Country Club and the Advertising Club, and he is likewise a member of the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce, cooperating with that organization in all of its efforts to upbuild the city and develop its interests. His plans have always been well-defined and promptly executed, and the integrity and thoroughness of his methods have been potent forces in the attainment of the very substantial success which is now his.

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#### OTTO KRAMER.

Since 1915 Otto Kramer has been junior member of the firm of Brink & Kramer, general insurance, loans and bonds, with offices at 212-13-14 Oklahoma Gas building. He, like many other prominent men of Tulsa, was born in another state, his birth having occurred at Rockport, Spencer county, Indiana, on the 3d of September, 1875, a son of Henry and Katherine (Bretz) Kramer. The

father was a native of Germany and the mother was born in Indiana. When eight years of age Henry Kramer came to the United States with his parents and located in Spencer county, where the grandfather engaged in farming the remainder of his life. Henry Kramer was well known as an attorney at law and a banker, being active in those connections throughout his life. He was prominent in politics, serving as county treasurer of Spencer county two terms, deputy treasurer two terms and as state representative. He made a success of his life and at the time of his death, which occurred on the 3d of January, 1905, he was in possession of three thousand acres of valuable farm property in Spencer county. Mrs. Kramer is still living.

Otto Kramer was reared and educated in Rockport, Indiana, and in due time entered the State University at Bloomington, from which he was graduated in the required time. After putting his textbooks aside he became an employe of the Farmers Bank at Rockport and steadily advanced until he was holding the office of assistant cashier. For twelve years he remained with that institution, at the end of which time he resigned and for one year worked for the government on locks and dams in the Ohio river out of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In 1907 he came to Tulsa and soon afterward was appointed deputy county treasurer, an office he filled satisfactorily for two years. For the following three and one-half years he worked for Charles Page at Sand Springs in various capacities and then in August, 1915, formed a partnership with A. W. Brink, in the insurance, loan and bond business. This firm is operating under the name of Brink & Kramer and is one of the representative business interests of Tulsa.

In June, 1901, occurred the marriage of Mr. Kramer and Miss Mary B. Adams, and to them six children have been born: Katherine E., Clara A., Annabelle, Sterling O., Karl W., and Frances B.

The political allegiance of Mr. Kramer is given to the democratic party, in the activities of which he takes a prominent part. The religious faith of the family is that of the Lutheran church. In the conduct of his business Mr. Kramer displays those qualities which show him to be thoroughly conversant with modern-day business conditions. He is actuated by a spirit of enterprise and progressiveness that accomplishes results and success is attending his well defined efforts. He has contributed much to the growth and development of Tulsa and is progressive and liberal in his ideas and upright in word and deed.

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### JOHN ROGERS.

John Rogers, one of the able young attorneys of the Tulsa bar, who in his practice specializes in Indian land titles, was born at Weaubleau, Missouri, April 4, 1890. His father, P. J. Rogers, also born in Missouri, has devoted his life to the occupation of farming. He married Frances Dent, and she, too, was a native of Missouri. The son, John Rogers, after attending the public schools of his native state continued his education in the State University of Oklahoma at Norman, where he pursued a thorough course in law to the time of his graduation, winning the LL. B. degree in 1914. He entered upon the active practice of his profession at Holdenville, Oklahoma, on the 1st of July of that year and there remained until the 1st of April, 1915, when he removed to Tulsa and became attorney for the McMan Oil Company, one of the largest oil companies operating in the mid-continent field. Thus within a year after his admission to the bar he rose to a place of great professional prominence



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and is today regarded as one of the leading corporation lawyers of Tulsa, to which city have been attracted many eminent representatives of the profession. He belongs to the Tulsa County and Oklahoma State Bar Associations and enjoys the high regard and respect of professional colleagues and contemporaries by reason of what he has accomplished and the ability which he has displayed in handling the important corporation interests entrusted to his care.

There is another most interesting chapter in his life record, for with America's entrance into the World war Mr. Rogers joined the first Officers Training Camp at Fort Roots, Arkansas, on the 9th of May, 1917, and when his course was completed he was commissioned a first lieutenant and assigned to the Three Hundred and Forty-eighth Infantry at Camp Pike, Arkansas. Later he was promoted to a captaincy and was appointed personnel adjutant of the Three Hundred and Forty-eighth Infantry for overseas duty. He went to France, remaining from the 18th of August, 1918, until the 8th of March, 1919, rendering valuable service in connection with the efforts to bring German militarism to naught, that world democracy might no longer be curbed by Teutonic power. Mr. Rogers is now commander of Joe Carson Post of the American Legion of Tulsa. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, in which he has attained high rank, as is indicated in his connection with the Consistory and with the Mystic Shrine. His political allegiance has been given to the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He is well known in club circles, belonging to the Country Club, University Club, to the City Club and to the Lions Club. The last named is indicative of his deep interest in the material and civic welfare of Tulsa and the adoption of high standards of Americanization everywhere. His religious faith is manifest in his connection with the Christian church. In a word he stands for all that is valuable in the life of the individual and of the community at large.

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#### VERN N. VANDEVER.

One of the most prominent business men of Tulsa is Vern N. Vandever, a member of the Vandever Dry Goods Company, of which he is also director, department buyer and manager. The store is located at 109-11 South Main street but the company is contemplating the erection of a more modern building of about eight stories, at the corner of Fifth and Boston streets. Mr. Vandever was born at Irving, Illinois, on the 16th of October, 1892, a son of William C. and Sarah E. (Grantham) Vandever. Extended mention of his parents is made in the sketch of William A. Vandever, to be found on another page of this work.

Vern N. Vandever was reared and educated at Irving, Illinois, and was graduated from the high school in that town with the class of 1911. The following year he came to Tulsa and joined his brothers in the Vandever Dry Goods Company, in which connection he has remained. Thoroughness is one of the marked characteristics of Mr. Vandever and he has mastered every detail of his own business. In addition to his connections with the Vandever Dry Goods Company he is one of the stockholders and a director of the Vandever Investment Company, likewise a stockholder in the Tulsa-Pittsburgh Mining Company and the Hayner Petroleum Company.

In December, 1916, occurred the marriage of Mr. Vandever to Miss Maud Handley, a daughter of Richard G. and Elizabeth Handley. Her father operated

farms in Iowa until 1906, when he retired and came to Tulsa in order to give his children better educational advantages. Mr. and Mrs. Handley are still residing in Tulsa, where they are respected and representative citizens. Mr. and Mrs. Vandever have one daughter, Eleanor, who was born on the 10th of September, 1917.

Mr. Vandever gives his political allegiance to the democratic party, in the activities of which he takes a prominent part. He is a member of the Masonic order, belonging to Tulsa Lodge, No. 71; Indian Consistory, No. 2, at McAlester, Oklahoma, in which lodge he took the thirty-second degree; and Tulsa Lodge, No. 946, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. His home is at 1711 East 14th street and is noted for its hospitality. Those who know Mr. Vandever, and he has many friends, esteem him highly as a man of genuine personal worth, as a business man of ability, and as a citizen who is ever loyal to the best interests of the community in which he has elected to make his home.

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#### HARRY C. ASHBY.

Harry C. Ashby, a resident of Tulsa since 1906 and since 1914 engaged in the insurance business as secretary-treasurer of the Dickey-Ashby-Fountain Company, handling all kinds of insurance save life, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 25, 1870. His father, Franklin Ashby, a native of Philadelphia, was in early life connected with Dr. Jayne, a famous medicine manufacturer. Later he was for a long period with N. W. Ayer & Sons advertising agency of Philadelphia, in which city he passed away in 1881. At the time of the Civil war he joined the Union army and rendered valiant aid to the country throughout the period of hostilities. He married Emma Beck, a native of Philadelphia, and they became the parents of four children, two of whom are living. The mother still makes her home in her native city.

Harry C. Ashby obtained a public school education and after attending high school became identified with a wholesale notion business of Philadelphia, with which he was connected for a time and then removed to Topeka, Kansas, in 1887. There he was engaged in the wholesale coal business. In 1906 he came to Tulsa and was secretary and cashier of the Union Trust Company until 1911, after which he was president of the company for a year. On the 1st of September, 1914, he became one of the organizers of the Dickey-Ashby-Fountain Insurance Company, of which W. L. Dickey is the president, A. T. Fountain, vice president, and Mr. Ashby, secretary-treasurer. They conduct an insurance, loan and bond business, with offices on the ground floor of 212 South Boston avenue. They handle all kinds of insurance except life and their clientage has become very extensive and important. In fact their business is today one of very gratifying proportions and its continued success is assured by reason of the enterprise and progressiveness of the men who constitute the company.

In 1914 Mr. Ashby was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Farnsworth of Topeka, Kansas, a daughter of J. W. Farnsworth, one of the early settlers of that city and vice president of the Bank of Topeka. Mr. and Mrs. Ashby have one child, Franklin. Fraternally Mr. Ashby is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and he belongs to the Tulsa Country Club and to the Chamber of Commerce and both he and his wife are members of the Episcopal church. Mrs. Ashby is now ex-state vice regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution and ex-regent of the local chapter and she was chairman of the

canteen service at Tulsa during the World war. Both have taken a most active and helpful interest in matters pertaining to public welfare and advancement and their influence and efforts are always given on the side of progress, improvement, reform and right.

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### THOMAS GAVIN.

In the passing of Thomas Gavin, Tulsa lost a progressive and representative citizen, one who was well known among oil men all over the country, having followed the oil industry into each new territory as fields developed through the southwest and west. His death occurred on the 19th of February, 1921, at Los Angeles, while there on business, and the news of his demise caused a feeling of deep bereavement to sweep the communities in which he was so well and favorably known. He was born in Andover, New York, on the 25th of November, 1862, a son of James and Margaret (Maley) Gavin, both natives of Ireland, who came to America about 1840 and settled on a farm near Andover. The father followed farming until his death in 1913 and in that connection achieved a substantial amount of success. Mrs. Gavin passed away in 1914. Both were close to one hundred years of age at the time of their demise. James Gavin was a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted in a New York regiment. Ten children were born to their union, all of whom are living but Thomas, whose name initiates this review.

Thomas Gavin received his education in the schools of Andover and in the country school near his father's farm. After leaving the farm he engaged in the pipe line business, working for others, and continued in that connection for several years, learning every phase of the business. After his marriage he became field superintendent in Ohio for the Western Gas Company and after five years in this service resigned to take up the work of contracting and producing at North Baltimore and Findlay, Ohio. After several years in that line of work he came west and located in Independence, Kansas, stopping on the way there near Warren, Indiana, where he drilled two dry holes. On arriving in Kansas he accepted a position as field superintendent with the Kansas National Gas Company, resigning at the end of four years to engage in contracting and drilling wells and in producing on his own account. He built numerous pipe lines and he and his brother were responsible for the Big Gulf Line which is now a trunk line. For nine years Mr. Gavin resided in Independence but in 1912 removed to Tulsa, continuing in the same line of work until his death. He had oil interests in Wyoming, Texas and Mexico and had important and extensive connections in the first named state at the time of his death. His demise occurred suddenly, caused by heart disease, while he was in Los Angeles, California, on a business trip.

In 1890 Mr. Gavin was united in marriage to Miss Mary McNamara, a daughter of Austin and Margaret (Reedy) McNamara, natives of Ireland who came to America in 1840 and located first in Canada and later in Erie, Pennsylvania. Some time later Mr. and Mrs. McNamara removed to Titusville. Mr. McNamara was an oil man and followed that business until his death at Fostoria, Ohio, in May, 1890. His widow passed away in Independence, Kansas, in June, 1911. Both were past eighty-seven years of age. Mr. McNamara was a veteran of the Civil war and served throughout the entire conflict as a member of a Pennsylvania regiment. Five children were born to the union of Mr. and Mrs.

Gavin: Thomas, whose death occurred August 2, 1892, when but five days old; Marguerite M., a well known musician who has studied abroad; Thomas Austin; James H., who married Marie I. Dunn of Chicago, a member of a prominent pioneer family of that city, and is now in the oil business for himself; and Kathryn M., a graduate of the parochial schools at Independence and Tulsa, also of the Ursuline Academy at Paola, Kansas, with the class of 1920 and who received a gold medal for expression in elocution. Thomas Austin is an attorney at law. He studied at St. Mary's for seven years, receiving his A. B. and A. M. degrees from that institution in 1916 and then entered Georgetown for two years, when his studies were broken into by the World war. He volunteered, enlisting in naval aviation service, and was assigned to Boston Tech. After receiving his discharge he returned to Georgetown University, from which he was graduated LL. B. in 1920. In the state bar examination at Tulsa he stood highest out of a class of forty-three.

Mr. Gavin always gave his political allegiance to the democratic party, having firm belief in the efficacy of the principles of that party as factors in good government. His religious faith was that of the Catholic church and fraternally he was identified with the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. As a business man he supplied enterprise, hope, and enthusiasm to many substantial institutions and he was always regarded as safe and sane in his judgment on all matters of finance and investment. He devoted his life to the study of his business and was considered the best informed of all oil men. He was a big producer and to him belongs the distinction of putting out the fire that threatened destruction to an oil field at Caney, Kansas. He owned a beautiful residence at 802 South Cheyenne avenue, which is now in possession of his widow. Mrs. Gavin was indeed a helpmate to her husband. She is a prominent woman in the community and has many friends who share her deep sense of loss and grief.

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#### CAPTAIN JOHN FRED CAPPS, M. D.

Captain John Fred Capps, M. D., who won his military title by service overseas in the World war and who has since given his attention to medical practice in Tulsa, now specializes to a large extent in the treatment of children's diseases, and has been particularly successful in this department. He is one of the youngest members of the profession who is fast forging to the front. He was born in Talladega, Alabama, September 19, 1888, and his parents, William W. and Josephine (Horn) Capps, were also natives of that state. The father was a farmer and stockman and conducted extensive and important business interests, owning a large plantation on which he engaged in raising high bred horses and also operated a turpentine still. He was a democrat in politics and was called upon to fill various offices, the duties of which he discharged with marked capability and fidelity. His religious faith, that of the Baptist church, prompted his allegiance to high standards in everything that he undertook.

Dr. Capps acquired a public and high school education and afterward matriculated in the University of Alabama, from which he was graduated with the Bachelor of Science degree and during his student days there he became a member of the Kappa Sigma. He is also an A. B. graduate of the University of Indiana and his professional training was received in the University of Chicago, which conferred upon him the M. D. degree in 1914. He then put



*J. F. Capps*



his theoretical knowledge to the practical test by eighteen months service as interne in pediatrics in the Cook County Hospital and in fact entered upon his service as interne before completing his university course. In 1915 he came to Tulsa, where he has since engaged in general practice, although largely specializing in the treatment of diseases of children.

The only marked interruption to his professional labors here came through his military service. On the 16th of August, 1916, he was commissioned a first lieutenant of the Oklahoma National Guard and was on duty on the Mexican border for ten months, there remaining until February 25, 1917, receiving his discharge on the 1st day of March, that year. He afterward became a first lieutenant of the Tulsa Ambulance Corps and his company was called into federal service on the 6th of August, 1917, as Ambulance Company, No. 166. On the 19th of August he was sent to Fort Sill and afterward to Camp Mills, Long Island, in September, as part of the Forty-second Division. He was with the Ambulance Company, No. 167, and went overseas on the 18th of October, 1917, with the Forty-second Division, with which he was on duty all through the Chateau Thierry defensive, where the American troops were thrown into the breach between the broken lines of the Allies and turned the tide of battle so effectively that the Germans were never again able to advance. He also participated in the battles of the Marne, Ourcq, Toul and the great Meuse-Argonne offensives. He was chief of the surgical section of Ambulance Company, No. 167, of the Forty-second Division, was wounded on one occasion and was twice gassed. He received three citations in general orders for meritorious service under fire. After the armistice he was sent to Base Hospital, No. 17, at Dijon, Cote d'Or, France, where he did surgical work for a time and later was transferred to Base Hospital, No. 114, at Beau Desseret, near Bordeaux, sailing for home on the 4th of March, 1919, having rendered most valuable aid to the country in her efforts to establish world-wide democracy. In May, 1919, Dr. Capps was appointed to the office of county physician and he is now successfully engaged in general practice, his ability being widely recognized.

Dr. Capps was married to Miss Rebecca McAlester, a granddaughter of Colonel James J. McAlester, a Confederate veteran of the Civil war, who became one of the pioneer coal operators of Oklahoma, settling in this section of the country when it was Indian Territory in 1869. He founded the town of McAlester and has in many ways left the impress of his individuality and ability upon the history of the state. He was a member of the corporation commission from 1907 until 1911 and from 1911 until 1915 filled the position of lieutenant governor of Oklahoma. The parents of Mrs. Capps were James B. and Asa (Janet) McAlester. Her father, who was born in the city of McAlester, Oklahoma, is now a general merchant, a garage proprietor and a real estate dealer and has been very successful in the conduct of his business affairs. To Dr. and Mrs. Capps has been born one son, John Fred, Jr. Mrs. Capps was an active canteen worker throughout the World war period and was very prominent in the Red Cross. She is also well known in club life and in social circles, her position being an enviable one. Dr. Capps belongs to Delta Lodge, No. 425, A. F. & A. M., and also to Indian Consistory, A. A. S. R., at McAlester. He is a member of the American Legion and along professional lines is connected with the Tulsa County, Oklahoma State, American Medical, Tri-State and South-western Medical Associations and thus keeps thoroughly informed concerning the advanced thought and methods of the profession. He also has membership in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and his religious faith is that of the First

Baptist church, being very active in the men's Bible class. Concentrating his attention upon general practice he has at the same time specialized to a considerable extent in pediatrics and his ability in that branch of the profession is widely acknowledged.

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### JAMES P. FLANAGAN.

James P. Flanagan, an oil producer until recently connected with the Sinclair Oil Company, came to Tulsa in 1910 and through the intervening period has been identified with the phenomenal rise and development of the city. He is a native of the state that first came into prominence through oil production, for he was born at Bradys Bend, Pennsylvania, January 8, 1880, his parents being John and Anna (Boyle) Flanagan, both of whom were natives of Ireland. They came to the United States in 1860 and the father was identified with the oil interests of Pennsylvania. In 1910 he removed to Oklahoma, where he operated in the oil fields until his death, which occurred in Tulsa in October, 1918.

James P. Flanagan obtained his early education in the parochial schools of Bradford, Pennsylvania, and since 1896 has been identified actively with oil interests, entering upon work of this character when a youth of sixteen as a representative of the supply and oil well business. In 1904 he went to Independence, Kansas, with the Bovaird Supply Company when it entered the western oil fields, and in 1910 he came to Tulsa as representative of the same corporation. He remained with the Bovaird Supply Company until 1912, when he resigned to become an independent operator. In 1917 he went to Houston, Texas, becoming connected with the Sinclair Oil Company, and in 1919 was made president of the Sinclair Oil Company of Louisiana, operating at Shreveport. He resigned from his position as president of the Sinclair Oil Company of Louisiana in June, 1921, to resume his operations on his own account.

Mr. Flanagan was active in the establishment of the Red Cross of Tulsa and the nature of his interests is further indicated in the fact that he was one of the building committee and a trustee of the Holy Family church. He is a director of the Exchange National Bank, belongs to the Petroleum Club and the Tulsa Country Club and is one of the best of Tulsa's progressive citizens.

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### EDWIN B. WILSON, M. D.

Tulsa numbers among her prominent and representative citizens Dr. Edwin B. Wilson, who since 1911 has been engaged in the practice of his profession here. He has offices at 318-19 Security building, well appointed and up-to-date in every particular and has built up a practice which covers a large proportion of the community. He is a Kentuckian by birth, born at Harrodsburg, January 21, 1891, a son of Homer T. and Annie F. (Fitzgerald) Wilson. His father was born in Kentucky and the mother in Alabama. Homer T. Wilson was a minister of the Christian church, having pastorates in Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri and Kentucky, and he was active in the ministry until his demise in February, 1915. Mrs. Wilson lived until May, 1918.

In the acquirement of an education Dr. Wilson attended the high school of San Antonio, Texas, the Brown Preparatory school at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,



and then entered the University of Pennsylvania, where he took the medical course and was graduated with the M. D. degree in 1915. He then served as house physician at the Bellevue Hospital in New York city for two years, was for one year in the army as first lieutenant of the medical corps, attached to the British forces in England and France, and received his discharge in 1918. He cheerfully subordinated all of his personal interests at the outbreak of the World war and after the close of that conflict returned to New York city, where he practiced for one year, coming to Tulsa in 1919. His practice has been successful and is now extensive and of a most important character.

In February, 1917, Dr. Wilson was united in marriage at New York city, to Miss Margaret Turnbull, a daughter of Alex and Margaret (Llewelyn) Turnbull, who were natives of Carbondale, Pennsylvania. The father was a florist and in the conduct of his business achieved more than a substantial amount of success. His death occurred in 1915, while the mother is still living. Two children have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Wilson: Betty, who was born on the 12th of March, 1919; and Edwin B. Jr., born January 28, 1921.

In politics Dr. Wilson is an earnest democrat and stands for all that is progressive in matters of citizenship. His religious faith is that of the Christian church and fraternally he is a member of the Masonic order. Along the line of his profession Dr. Wilson holds membership in the American Medical, Oklahoma State and Tulsa County Medical Societies and is likewise a member of the American Legion and Nu Sigma Nu, a college fraternity. Dr. and Mrs. Wilson reside at 1415 North Elwood street and their home is a center of culture and refinement. The success which Dr. Wilson has attained is the result of his laudable ambition and determined effort and he considers his profession worthy of his undivided fealty.

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#### VORIS V. VANDEVER.

Voris V. Vandever, a member of the Vandever Dry Goods Company, is classed among the representative citizens of Tulsa. He was born at Irving, Illinois, on the 12th of May, 1887, a son of William and Sarah (Grantham) Vandever, further mention of whom is made in the sketch of William A. Vandever, appearing on another page of this work.

In the acquirement of an education Voris V. Vandever attended the schools of his native town and upon removing to Tulsa with his parents entered the schools here, being one of the first class to complete a course and graduate from Smith's Business College. After putting his textbooks aside he engaged with his brothers, William A., Gary Y., Vern N., and Charles S. in the conduct of a large dry goods store at 109-11 South Main street, the firm being known as the Vandever Dry Goods Company. This store has an extensive and high class trade and the company conducts it on the highest and most honorable principles. Mr. Vandever closely studies every phase of his business, formulates his plans carefully and carries them forward to successful completion. The present quarters of the store are proving insufficient and the firm is contemplating the erection of a larger building of six or eight stories, on the corner of Fifth and Boston streets. In addition to his mercantile interests Mr. Vandever is a stockholder in the Vandever Investment Company, in the Hayner Petroleum Company and has other business associations of importance.

Since age conferred upon Mr. Vandever the right of franchise he has been

a staunch supporter of the democratic party, having firm belief in the efficacy of the principles of that party as factors in good government. He has neither sought nor desired public office as a reward for party fealty, preferring to devote his entire time to his business affairs. He is fraternally identified with the Masons, of which he is a member of the Scottish Rite, blue lodge and Shrine, and he likewise holds membership in the Elks. The religious faith of Mr. Vandever is that of the Christian church. In 1918 he enlisted for service in the World war and was stationed at Camp Travis, San Antonio, Texas. He was soon afterward sent to France and joined the Twentieth Engineers, Company D, Twelfth Battalion. He received his discharge on the 16th of July, 1919, at Camp Pike, Little Rock, Arkansas. Mr. Vandever is now residing at 1411 South Terrace drive. Those who know him, and he has many friends, esteem him highly as a man of genuine personal worth, as a business man of ability and as a citizen who is ever loyal to the best interests of the community.

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#### THOMAS C. SKEEN.

Thomas C. Skeen, western manager of the Parkersburg Rig & Reel Company of Parkersburg, with local offices in the Kennedy building, has won a substantial measure of success, although all days in his career have not been equally bright. As a business man his optimism, perseverance, energy and sterling qualifications have been the foundation on which he has builded and although he has at times been confronted with obstacles he has overcome these and has made notable progress from time to time toward the goal of success.

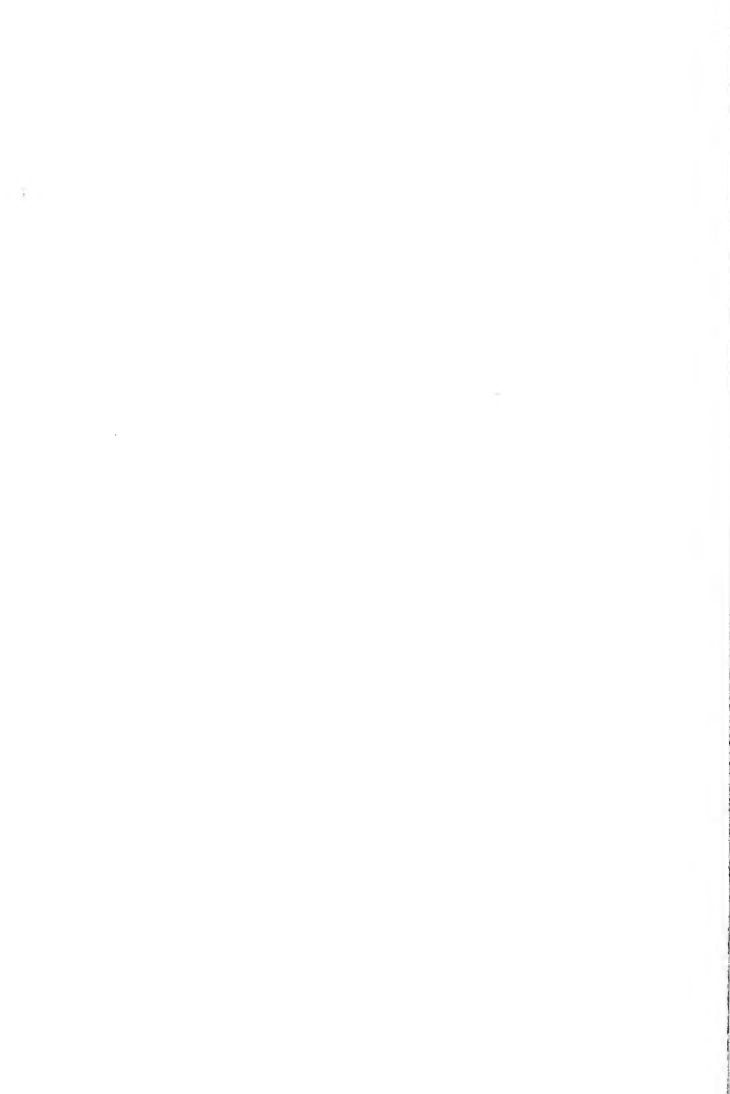
Mr. Skeen was born on a ranch in Cass county, Texas, May 20, 1871, and is a son of P. A. and Sallie (Whatley) Skeen, the former a native of Georgia and the latter of Alabama. The father was a prominent dentist in the south, practicing his profession successfully for many years. When a lad of but seventeen he enlisted in the Confederate army and being captured he was held as a prisoner of war for three years on Governor's Island. He belonged to the Masonic lodge and was long an active and devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church, passing away in that faith in August, 1919. His wife is also deceased. In their family were two children, Thomas C. and S. P., the latter also a resident of Tulsa.

Mr. Skeen attended the public and high schools of Texas and then secured a position in a bank at Atlanta, Texas. For twelve years he devoted his attention to the banking business in Atlanta and Texarkana, Texas, and for a considerable period acted as cashier of the First National Bank in the latter city. He then engaged as a manufacturer and wholesale dealer of lumber in Texas. He afterward spent fifteen years in the manufacturing and wholesale lumber business in St. Louis and was very successful in his operations there. By his earlier experience he brought to his St. Louis venture wide knowledge which contributed to his progress as a wholesale lumber dealer of that city. Difficulties have confronted him, as they have every other individual. One who knows him well has said of him: "You could never keep him down, as his perseverance and dogged determination always overcame obstacles. He is a high-class business man of exceptional intellectual attainments."

Mr. Skeen came to Tulsa in 1917 to assume his present position as western manager of the Parkersburg Rig & Reel Company, whose headquarters and manufacturing plants are located at Parkersburg, West Virginia. The firm is



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the largest and only exclusive manufacturers of rig irons, steel tankage, and drilling machines in the United States. This corporation conducts an immense business, maintaining warehouses in Tulsa and thirty-six other cities in Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana, over which Mr. Skeen, as western manager, has supervision. Thus his position is one of responsibility. He is everywhere regarded as a man of sterling quality and of unusual business acumen and his success may be attributed in a large part to his genius for judging human nature and to his habit of living up to every promise made on all occasions.

In 1897 Mr. Skeen was married to Miss Benedette Moore of Austin, Texas, a daughter of Edwin Moore of New Orleans, and they have one daughter, Mary, who is a graduate of Mary Institute and Washington University of St. Louis. The members of the family occupy a prominent and enviable social position and are interested in all matters connected with civic and philanthropic activities. They are members of the Episcopal church and are interested in all that makes for public welfare and cultural advancement.

Mr. Skeen reads broadly, keeps in touch with the trend of modern thought and is familiar with the best literature. He is a Knights Templar and Shriner. In Tulsa he is a member of the Petroleum Club and the Country Club. His interests and activities are at all times directed along those lines and in those channels through which flows the greatest good to the greatest number.

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#### EUGENE W. WRIGHT.

One of the well known and progressive business men of Tulsa is Eugene W. Wright, secretary and treasurer of The Oil Well Improvements Company, with offices at 623-24-25 Kennedy building. He was born in Franklin, Pennsylvania, on the 9th of December, 1895, a son of William and Margaret (Murphy) Wright, the former a native of England and the latter of Ireland. Both came to America at an early day, accompanied by their parents, he being four years of age at the time of his arrival in America, and she came when seventeen. The Wrights located in Franklin, Pennsylvania, where William was reared and educated, leaving school at the age of twelve years to learn the iron business from the ground up. His energy and ability brought him constant promotion and until 1914 he occupied the position of general superintendent of the Bovaird & Seyfang Manufacturing Company. In 1914 he came to Tulsa and became associated with the Oklahoma Iron Works, with which he is still actively connected as general manager, a director and stockholder. Mrs. Wright is also living.

Eugene W. Wright acquired his education in the schools of Franklin and Bradford, Pennsylvania, and on completing his studies entered railroading as chief clerk for the Erie road and for two years remained in that position, capably and conscientiously performing every task assigned him. In 1914 he came to Tulsa with his parents and for five months was actively connected with the McEwen Manufacturing Company here. At the termination of that period he became accountant with The Oil Well Improvement Company, his spirit of initiative and marked ability bringing about his promotion as secretary and treasurer of the company in June, 1919. A. G. Heggem is president of the company and Mark E. Davis, further mention of whom is made on another page of this work, vice president. Their plant is located at Collinsville, Okla-

homa, where they manufacture a control casinghead and roller oil saver which they sell all over the world, that is, in every vicinity where petroleum is produced.

On the 23d of June, 1918, Mr. Wright was united in marriage to Miss Eleanor Essner, and to them one child has been born: Jean Louise, whose natal day is the 12th of February, 1920.

The religious faith of Mr. Wright is that of the Catholic church and politically he is a staunch supporter of the republican party. He is fraternally identified with the Knights of Columbus, of which order he is treasurer, and in the activities of which he takes a prominent part. Upon the outbreak of the World war Mr. Wright immediately offered his services and served as ordnance sergeant with Company A, Third Regiment, and was stationed at Camp Hancock, Georgia. He received his discharge on the 17th of January, 1919. His business career has been one of continuous progress and his fellow townsmen attest his sterling qualities and personal worth as well as his business ability. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wright have an extensive circle of friends and their home at 1118 West Second street is noted for its warm hospitality.

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#### CHARLES C. CALVERT, JR.

Tulsa numbers among her prominent business men Charles C. Calvert, Jr., who is president of the Ensign Oil Corporation with offices at 27-29 Nebraska building. He was born at Calvert, Texas, in May, 1882, a son of Charles C. and Hannah (Hughes) Calvert, the former a native of the same town as his son and the latter of Asheville, North Carolina. At an early day the father of Charles C. Calvert, Sr., went to Texas and there founded the town which bears his name. He was a major in the Texas-Mexican army, being stationed between Texas and Mexico, and he also gained prominence as a successful capitalist. His son received his education in the common schools of Texas and later entered the law department of the University of Tennessee, from which he was graduated in due time. He then became associated with the H. & T. C. and Frisco lines at Denison for a good many years, passing away in October, 1907, at the age of forty-five years. Mrs. Calvert is residing in Denison, Texas.

Charles C. Calvert, Jr., received his education in the schools of Texas and in 1904 graduated from Trinity College at Chocowinity, North Carolina, this school being conducted by Rev. Nicholas C. Hughes, an uncle of our subject. It might be here mentioned that Mrs. Calvert, the mother of Calvert C., Jr., is closely related to Charles Evans Hughes and President Warren G. Harding. Completing his studies, Charles C. Calvert, Jr., went to work for the old Waters Pierce Oil Corporation at Denison and removed with that corporation to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, in 1905. He remained with them until 1908 and then became associated with the Continental Oil Company, with which firm he remained eight years. In 1916 he located in Tulsa as sales manager of the Producers & Refiners Corporation and he performed his duties in a most capable and efficient manner in that connection until on the 4th of February, 1919, he organized the P. & R. Marketing Company, later changing its name to the Ensign Oil Corporation. Since its organization he has served as president and in fact owns all of the stock with the exception of one share. They are producers and marketers, owning thirteen hundred acres in Rogers, Waggoner and Carter counties, Oklahoma, and maintaining offices in Chicago and Kansas City.

On the 18th of June, 1907, occurred the marriage of Mr. Calvert to Miss

Austa Cardiff and to them two children have been born: Charlotte Louise, whose natal day is the 15th day of February, 1910; and John Charles, born on the 26th of March, 1913.

The religious faith of Mr. Calvert is indicated by his membership in the Episcopal church and his political allegiance is given to the democratic party, having firm belief in the principles of that party as factors in good government. Fraternally he is a member of the Masons, holding membership in the chapter and council and he is likewise a Woodman of the World. Mr. Calvert possesses keen discernment and broad vision and is a firm believer in Tulsa and its opportunities. He is keenly interested in all that pertains to the material, intellectual, social and moral welfare of his city and is readily conceded a representative citizen. Mr. and Mrs. Calvert reside at 1810 East Archer.

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#### WALTER W. SHAW.

Walter W. Shaw is connected with one of the most important business enterprises of Tulsa as manager of the bond department of the Exchange Trust Company. He was born in Owego, New York, on the 21st of November, 1880, a son of Charles E. and Ida M. (White) Shaw, both natives of Tioga county, that state, where the father gained prominence as a buckwheat miller, wholesale grocer, coal mine operator and banker. He resided in New York until 1889, when he went to Nebraska, residing in that state until 1897, when he removed to Denver. In 1907 he went to Salina, Kansas, and there operated coal mines until his death on the 27th of September, 1919, at the age of sixty-six years. Mrs. Shaw is living and still makes Salina her place of residence.

Walter W. Shaw is indebted to the schools of Lincoln, Nebraska, Denver, Colorado, and Kansas City, Missouri, for his early education, later entering the University of Michigan, from which he was graduated in law in the year 1902. In the fall of that year he commenced the practice of his profession at Kansas City and after two successful years spent in that city came to Oklahoma and located at Claremore. For eleven years he practiced in Claremore and for two years of that time served as county judge and likewise city attorney. He was nominated for district judge on the republican ticket but was defeated by two hundred and six votes. He had charge of the Taft and Harris forces in the district republican convention of 1912 at Tulsa and was offered nomination for congress. In 1915 he located in Shreveport, Louisiana, where he engaged in the bond business, likewise securing some oil interests, but in 1918 he left that city and came to Tulsa to take charge of the bond department of the Exchange Trust Company and also of the Exchange National Bank.

On the 6th of June, 1906, Mr. Shaw was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Bullette and to them two children have been born: Walter W., Jr., whose natal day was the 17th of April, 1907; and Martha Helen, born August 8, 1908. Mrs. Shaw is prominently known in connection with the club and social affairs of Tulsa and is conceded a model mother.

The religious faith of the family is indicated by their membership in the Presbyterian church and they are prominent in all affairs of that organization. Politically Mr. Shaw is a republican and his fraternal affiliations are with the Masons, in which order he has attained the thirty-second degree, and he is a member of Akdar Temple of the Mystic Shrine and of the chapter; also the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Knights of Pythias; Modern Wood-

men of America; Woodmen of the World, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon, a Greek letter fraternity. Mr. Shaw is accounted one of the energetic, prosperous and capable business men of Tulsa, always ready to back all worthy and beneficial movements, and possessing the progressive spirit of the times, he accomplishes all that he undertakes.

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### JOHN Y. MURRY.

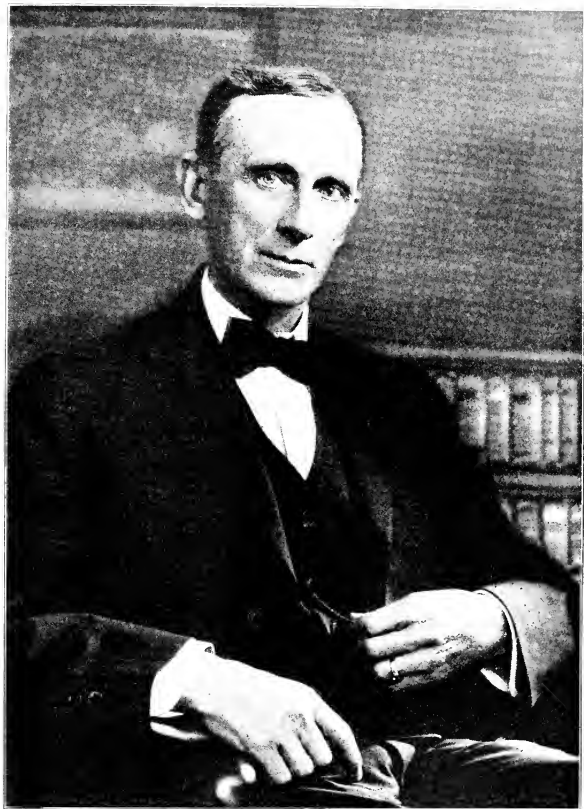
John Y. Murry, attorney at law, largely specializing in corporation practice, was born at Ripley, Mississippi, May 20, 1862. His father, John Y. Murry, a native of Tennessee, went to Mississippi with his parents when but three years of age. He became a physician and was a military surgeon of the Confederate army, having the rank of captain. His professional position was one of prominence in Mississippi for many years and he served as president of the Tri-State Medical Association, comprising the states of Tennessee, Mississippi and Arkansas. He was prominent in Masonry, serving twice as grand master of the state and being for many years and until his death one of the trustees of the Mississippi Masonic Orphans Home. He belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church, South, was a recognized leader in Sunday school and church work and was for more than a quarter of a century president of the Tippah County Sunday School Association. The life of a devout Christian man was ended when in 1915 he passed away. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Miller, was born in eastern Tennessee and was reared in Mississippi. She departed this life in 1910, in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church, for like her husband she had been a loyal follower of its teachings.

John Y. Murry was one of a family of six children, all of whom are living. He pursued his education in his native state, winning the Bachelor of Philosophy degree upon graduation from the University of Mississippi and afterward pursuing the law course there, which gained for him the LL. B. degree in 1884. He was then admitted to the bar and has practiced since 1889, devoting his attention largely to corporation law. During his residence in Mississippi he concentrated his attention upon civil law, especially upon chancery practice, and following his removal to Oklahoma he has given his time to corporation law and represents large corporate and banking interests in this state. At this time he is a member of the board of directors of the Exchange National Bank of Tulsa. From the beginning of his professional career he was accorded a place in the forefront of the profession by reason of his comprehensive knowledge of the principles of jurisprudence. He prepares his cases with great thoroughness and care and his argument is always sound and logical. Moreover, he is an extremely safe counselor and his professional vision is at all times keen.

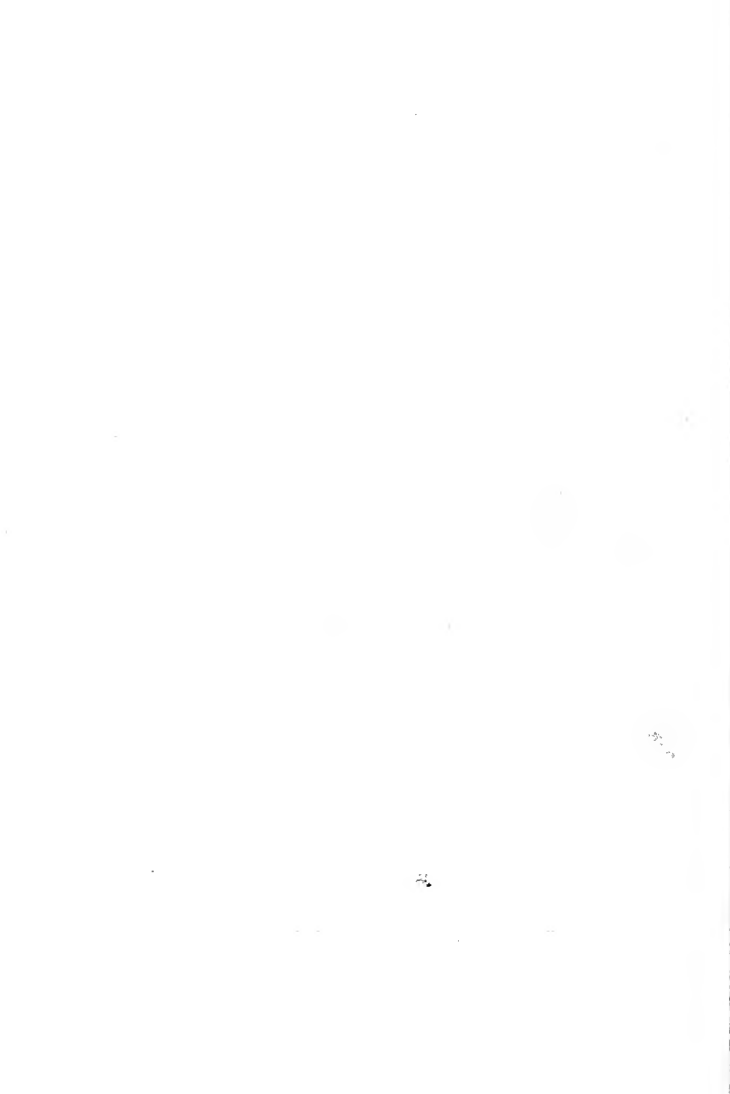
In 1887 Mr. Murry was married to Miss Sallie H. Hunt, who was born and reared in Mississippi. They are the parents of four children: Mrs. Mary H. Smith, now of Tulsa; T. M. and John Young, both prominent as Tulsa merchants; and Sarah H., who is in school. The elder daughter, Mrs. Smith, has one child, Allen Murry Smith, and John Young is the father of a son, John Stotts Murry.

Mr. Murry turns to golf for recreation. He belongs to the Beta Beta Chapter of the Beta Theta Pi and is widely known in Masonic circles, having served as deputy grand master in Mississippi and presided as acting grand





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master of Mississippi at one grand communication of the grand lodge of that state by virtue of his office as deputy in the absence of the grand master. In politics he has always been deeply interested as a supporter of the democratic party and served for a term as a member of the Mississippi legislature, while for ten or twelve years he was secretary of the state senate. While he makes no claim to being an orator in the usually accepted sense of the term, he is a forceful and convincing speaker, and when called back to Mississippi to dedicate the Confederate monument in his home county he delivered an address regarded as one of the most appropriate ever heard there. He has long been liberal in support of church and charitable work and has ever followed the injunction not to let the left hand know what the right hand doeth but has given liberally in case of need and without ostentation. He is a lover of the best literature and of music and to these turns for recreation and diversion.

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### CARL E. DUFFIELD.

Carl E. Duffield, senior member of the firm of Duffield & Howard, oil producers, and a member of the Oil State Gasoline Company, is numbered among the well known and progressive young business men of Tulsa. Born in McKean county, Pennsylvania, in June, 1882, he was a son of Lewis C. and Etta (Blakely) Duffield, also natives of that state, where for many years the father occupied a prominent position in oil circles. They were the parents of four children: Clarence, Homer, Carl E., and Hazel. Lewis C. Duffield is now living in Caney, Kansas, and is engaged in producing oil in both that state and Oklahoma. Mrs. Duffield passed away in November, 1891. Later Mr. Duffield married Lois McCurry and to this second marriage two children were born: Marle and Earl, twins.

In the acquirement of an education Carl E. Duffield attended the common schools of Pennsylvania and in due time entered the University of Ohio. At the same time he worked for his father, driving a team, and after the completion of his studies went on tool work for his father, also doing some outside work. He capably and conscientiously performed every duty assigned him and for many years worked for his father in various capacities, becoming thoroughly familiar with the sawmilling business and agricultural pursuits. In 1905, however, he accompanied his brother to Kansas, and leaving him there, came on to Tulsa, where he purchased a string of tools and began drilling for Charles Page. Since that time he has been active along that line, drilling mostly for himself, and he has been successful in producing in both Tulsa and Osage counties. The Oil State Gasoline Company, of which he is a member, operates a casing-head plant at Jenks and Beggs, and in addition Mr. Duffield is interested in the casinghead plant at Sperry, this state, which is known as the Rotary Gasoline Company. He is a stockholder in the Hinderliter Tool Company and likewise operates a farm or two in the vicinity of Tulsa.

On the 14th of February, 1911, occurred the marriage of Mr. Duffield to Miss Leo Laura Bates and to them one child has been born, namely, Carl E., Jr., whose natal day was the 22d of April, 1920.

Since age conferred upon Mr. Duffield the right of franchise he has been a staunch supporter of the democratic party, having firm belief in the efficacy of its principles as factors in good government. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and in addition to being superintendent of

the Boston Avenue Sunday school he is a member of the board of stewards of the church. He is a member and director of the Young Men's Christian Association and also belongs to the Rotary Club, taking an active interest in the material and moral welfare of Tulsa. Mr. Duffield is a lover of the great out-of-doors and hunting is his favorite form of recreation. He owns a number of fine hunting dogs, bird dogs, English setters and pointers and he has one English setter that has won for three years in succession the all American chicken championship on prairie chickens and has competed throughout the United States. On his farms Mr. Duffield specializes in raising Rhode Island Reds and White Leghorns. In every undertaking with which he is identified he has displayed mature judgment, a spirit of initiative and marked executive ability in controlling his interests. Mr. and Mrs. Duffield reside at No. 1436 South Carson street and he has offices in the Kennedy building, 406-12.

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### LEONARD E. ROBERTS.

Through a period of a decade Leonard E. Roberts has been identified with real estate development in Tulsa and is also one of the oil men of the city. His activities have been a source of improvement and development here as well as a source of individual profit. His sound judgment and enterprise characterize his work at all times and he is steadily pushing forward toward the goal of success. He was born in Whitesboro, Texas, November 13, 1879, a son of William D. and Mary E. (Smithers) Roberts, who were natives of Virginia. In young manhood the father went to Texas and was a traveling salesman, representing cotton gin machinery. He traveled in Oklahoma in the early days and has intimate knowledge of the state during the period of its pioneer development.

Leonard E. Roberts obtained a public school education in his native city and when fifteen years of age began to earn his living by working in a drug and book store. He afterward entered the Railway Mail Service, with which he was connected for eight years, but was constantly watchful of opportunities for advancement and at length began building and selling medium priced homes at Fort Worth, Texas. He made substantial advance in that business and in 1910 removed to Oklahoma City, where he remained for about a year and then came to Tulsa. Here he owned the Lyric Theater for a short time, but afterward again engaged in building and selling homes, developing Stonebreaker Heights and Maple Ridge. In 1917 he became associated with L. C. Wells in the building of Hotel Miami at Miami, Oklahoma, which is the finest hotel of its size in the state. On the completion of this undertaking he again took up his abode in Tulsa, resumed his building operations and in 1919 erected the fine Roberts building, to which he built an addition in 1920. It is one of the thoroughly modern office buildings of the city, an added attraction to Tulsa's architectural adornment. From this property he derives a very substantial annual income and is also successfully engaged in the oil business.

At Fort Worth, Texas, Mr. Roberts was married to Miss Theodosia Primm, a daughter of St. John and Mary Primm, and they have become the parents of Roslyn, who is a very talented little daughter. Mr. Roberts has membership in Delta Lodge, No. 425, A. F. & A. M., and has attained the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite in Oklahoma Consistory, No. 1, A. A. S. R., at Guthrie. He likewise belongs to Akdar Temple of the Mystic Shrine and is

active as a member of the Patrol. He has membership in Elks Lodge, No. 946, and is ever a loyal follower of the teachings and purposes of these fraternities. His political support is given to the democratic party, with which he has been allied since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, but he does not seek nor desire political office, preferring to concentrate his efforts and attention upon his business affairs, which have been of a most substantial and profitable character.

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#### A. THOMAS W. KERR.

One of the substantial and progressive business men of Tulsa and Sand Springs is A. Thomas W. Kerr, vice president and general manager of the Kerr Glass Factories, located at the latter place. He is a native of San Francisco, California, where he was born in September, 1888, a son of Alexander H. and Amanda (Alison) Kerr, both of whom were born in Pennsylvania. The father went to Idaho as a young man and there operated a ranch for a short time, later removing to California and thence to Oregon, in which state he resided for some years. Locating in Portland he engaged in the wholesale grocery business as a member of the firm of Wadhams & Kerr Brothers and he still devotes some time to that business. In 1903, however, he removed from Portland to Kansas and established a glass factory at Altoona, with sales offices at Portland and subsequently removed those offices to Chicago. In 1915 he moved his manufacturing interests to Sand Springs, Oklahoma, building a fine plant and there engages in the manufacture of fruit jars and preserve glasses, doing an extensive business all over the United States and Canada. He also operates a lamp chimney plant under the firm name of Kerr, Hubbard & Kelly, this being entirely separate from his other enterprise. During the World war Mr. Kerr served as a dollar-a-year man, being special assistant to Secretary Houston. In the spring of 1919 he took up permanent residence in Los Angeles, California, maintaining an office there, from which he directs his business in Oklahoma. Mrs. Kerr is also living and is a prominent woman in the social and club circles of Los Angeles.

In the acquirement of an education A. Thomas W. Kerr attended the private schools of Portland, Oregon, and in 1907 entered Harvard, from which university he was graduated with the class of 1910, with the A. B. degree. He at once became associated with his father in business, having charge of a department in the Kerr Glass Factories and his business ability was such as to win him constant promotion, until he became vice president and secretary of the business. He is also a partner in the Kerr, Hubbard & Kelly factory. The dominant characteristics of Mr. Kerr are pluck, energy and perseverance and by reason of his close application and thoroughness he has reached the creditable place that he occupies.

On the 23d of February, 1918, Mr. Kerr was united in marriage to Miss Alice Marian Smith, a daughter of Milton W. and Alice (Sweet) Smith, natives of Portland, Oregon. Her father is a prominent attorney in that city. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Kerr one child, Jean J., has been born. Her natal day was the 18th of October, 1919.

Mr. Kerr gives his political endorsement to the republican party and at all times keeps well informed concerning the vital questions and issues of the day, but political preferment has no attraction for him. He finds his satisfaction and interest in the upbuilding of his business and his close application and thoroughness constitute the important elements in his prosperity. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons and Elks and his religious faith is that of the Presbyterian

church. As a prominent and successful business man and one interested in the development and improvement of his community, Mr. Kerr holds membership in the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Petroleum Club, University Club and Country Club. In addition to his factory connections he is a stockholder in Wadhams & Kerr Brothers, wholesale grocers of Portland. At all times Mr. Kerr has borne his part in the progress and development of the community and like his father he possesses keen discernment and broad vision. Although the factories are located at Sand Springs Mr. and Mrs. Kerr make their home at 1812 South Cheyenne, Tulsa.

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### JAMES H. SYKES.

The roster of the bar of Tulsa county includes the name of James H. Sykes, who has made for himself a distinct vantage place as one of the representative lawyers engaged in practice in the city of Tulsa and whose law business in connection with Indian titles is now conceded to be larger than that of any other lawyer in the state. He maintains his office headquarters in the Robinson building.

Mr. Sykes was born at Morristown, Hamblen county, Tennessee, on the 5th of January, 1887, and is a son of Joshua J. and Alice (Burnett) Sykes. In earlier years Joshua J. Sykes was actively identified with navigation interests on the Tennessee river and later he became a prosperous farmer in Hamblen county, Tennessee, where he remained until 1910, when he came to Oklahoma and obtained land in the vicinity of Broken Arrow, Tulsa county. He is one of the progressive exponents of agricultural industry in this section of the state and continues as a prominent and honored citizen. His wife passed to the life eternal on the 31st of December, 1914, at the age of fifty-six years: her father was a pioneer clergyman of the Baptist church in Tennessee.

The early educational discipline of James H. Sykes was obtained in the public schools of Tennessee, and in 1899 he was matriculated in Emory & Henry College, at Emory, Virginia, where he pursued his higher academic studies until 1901. Thereafter he was employed by the Southern Express Company and was promoted to the position of auditor in its offices at Chattanooga, Tennessee. This position he retained one year and in the meanwhile he attended the night classes in the law department of Chattanooga University, in which institution he completed in one year the prescribed three years' course, and at the end passed the bar examination with the highest markings ever recorded in the state of Tennessee. He received his degree of Bachelor of Laws in the year 1905 and after a brief period of practice in the city of Chattanooga he came to Oklahoma in 1906 and established himself in the practice of his profession at Tulsa. His technical ability and forceful personality brought him into favorable consideration in connection with public affairs in the new commonwealth, and in 1912 he was made the democratic nominee for representative of the third district of Oklahoma in the United States congress. In this connection he had the distinction of being the only democrat to carry Tulsa county, the district, however, giving a vote that brought victory to his opponent, Hon. J. S. Davenport of Vinita. As a forceful and effective campaign speaker Mr. Sykes stumped the state in the campaigns of 1909, 1912 and 1916, but impaired health prevented his similar participation in the presidential campaign of 1920. In 1914 he was elected a representative of Tulsa county in the state legislature and in this office he made an excellent record of loyal and effective service in behalf of his constituent district and of wise general legislation. He



*James H. Sykes.*





was specially interested in the support of measures pertaining to oil and gas production and the support of the various charities of the state and he introduced and ably championed a number of important bills within the period of his service in the legislature. Mr. Sykes is an active and popular member of the Tulsa County Bar Association and the Oklahoma State Bar Association. He has achieved unequivocal success in the work of his profession, and in this connection it is interesting to record that he is a cousin of the distinguished New York attorney, Martin W. Littleton. His practice is one of broad scope and importance in connection with Indian titles, as well as in connection with oil and gas production interests and probate matters. Mr. Sykes is a loyal booster of his home city and state, is liberal and progressive in his civic attitude, and gives support to worthy charities and benevolences and church work, with a high sense of personal stewardship.

November 18, 1903, recorded the marriage of Mr. Sykes to Miss Carrie Morgan of Flintstone, Georgia, and her death occurred November 27, 1906. She is survived by one daughter, Carrie Bryceca.

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### BENJAMIN O. ANGEL.

Among those successfully active in the real estate field of Tulsa is Benjamin O. Angel, who came to this state from North Carolina, his birth having occurred in Franklin, November 29, 1874, his parents being Andrew and Margaret Angel, who were also natives of Franklin, where the father followed the occupation of farming and where he was also very active in church and Sunday school work.

In his boyhood Benjamin O. Angel attended the country schools, spending his youth on the home farm, where he early became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. He learned, too, the valuable lessons concerning the worth of industry and perseverance. Leaving home at the age of twenty years he made his way to Oklahoma territory, where he became a cow-puncher, riding the range in Oklahoma and in Texas for a period of eleven years, being associated with J. W. Weaver, a prominent rancher of Mud Creek near Duncan, Oklahoma. In 1912 Mr. Angel went to Seattle, Washington, and engaged in the transfer business for three years, but in 1915 returned to Oklahoma City, and established an insurance agency, there remaining one year. He spent the succeeding year in various towns of the state and in the latter part of 1916 came to Tulsa, where he became interested in the White Angel Real Estate Company, operating under that name until 1917, when the firm of B. O. Angel & Company was formed for the conduct of a real estate business. They build their own homes, draw their own plans and do their own construction work and through the intervening period a profitable business has been carried on by this firm, while their efforts have also constituted an element in general progress and improvement. Mr. Angel is also engaged in the oil business, operating in the Nowata and other fields.

In 1905 there was celebrated the marriage of Benjamin O. Angel and Miss Margaret Nichols, a daughter of Oren and Amanda Nichols. Her father removed from Arkansas to Oklahoma and has large landed interests in this state. He was one of the pioneers of Stephen county and is a foremost resident of Duncan and vicinity. Both Mr. and Mrs. Angel belong to the First Baptist church of Tulsa, in the work of which they take a helpful part. Mr. Angel also cooperated heartily in all war activities and has always stood for those interests

which contribute to public progress and improvement. His political support is given to the democratic party, but he has no desire for public office. He belongs to the Real Estate Exchange and his interests center in the development of his business, which has been carefully directed and has brought him substantial returns. He is also a Mason, belonging to Tulsa Lodge, No. 71, A. F. & A. M.

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### WILLIAM A. VANDEVER.

Enterprise and progressiveness have caused William A. Vandever to carry his labors into new fields, to seek undeveloped opportunities and to reach the goal of success by carving out paths that no others have followed. Tulsa has benefited by the efforts of Mr. Vandever, who is a most alert, wide-awake and progressive merchant, possessing both initiative and determination. He was born at Irving, Montgomery county, Illinois, May 24, 1874, a son of William C. and Sarah E. (Grantham) Vandever. His grandfather in the paternal line was Dr. Aaron S. Vandever, who was born in Kentucky and who became a pioneer physician of Vandalia, Illinois, when that city was the capital of the state. He afterward removed to Springfield when the capital was changed and was closely associated with the pioneer development of the Mississippi valley, while in the line of his chosen profession he won distinction as a skilled physician and surgeon of that period. At the time of the Civil war he enlisted in the Thirteenth Missouri Regiment and served until he sustained injuries from which he died. His son, William C. Vandever, was born in Vandalia, Fayette county, Illinois, in 1851, and acquired his early education in the public schools of his native state. In his youth he learned and followed the cooper's trade and continued to devote his attention to work of that character until his retirement from active business in 1905. In early manhood he wedded Sarah E. Grantham, who was born in Irving, Montgomery county, Illinois, in 1853, a daughter of Isaiah and Margaret (Mann) Grantham, both of whom were representatives of old pioneer families of Illinois. Mrs. William C. Vandever, who survives her husband, is now residing at Irving, Illinois. She is a loyal member of the Christian church, as was also her husband. His political allegiance was given to the democratic party. To him and his wife were born five sons and five daughters.

William A. Vandever, who was second in order of birth in the family, attended the public schools of his native town until he was through high school. He started out in the business world when a youth of fifteen by securing a clerkship in a dry goods store of Irving, being thus employed for four years. When twenty years of age he went to St. Louis and became connected with the Grand Leader, one of the largest mercantile establishments of the city. Later he occupied a similar position with the firm of D. Crawford & Company of St. Louis, and after a few years in the silks and dress goods departments, he was advanced to the position of buyer for the linen, wash dress goods and lining departments. He occupied that position of responsibility until 1903, when he resigned and made his way to the Indian Territory, desirous of becoming identified with the development of this section of the country, which was entering upon an era of rapid and successful growth. On the 10th of February, 1913, he took up his abode in Tahlequah, the present judicial center of Cherokee county, Oklahoma, and afterwards he became associated with Benjamin C. Beane, in organizing a firm for the conduct of a retail dry goods business.

They opened the establishment under the name of the Boston Store, and in 1904 they removed to the young but thriving little city of Tulsa, which at that time had a population of about thirty-eight hundred. Here they organized the Beane-Vandever Dry Goods Company, and although they began business on a minor scale, trade steadily increased, becoming one of gratifying proportions. After a few years Mr. Beane sold his interest to the Vandever Brothers, who have since been in control of what is today a most substantial business, carried on under the firm name of the Vandever Dry Goods Company. The store is thoroughly modern in its equipment and appointment and is broad in its scope. An extensive stock is carried in the various departments and the highest standards are maintained in the conduct of the trade. There are few dry goods stores in the state that can compare with this establishment, which is a monument to the enterprise and progressive spirit of William A. Vandever and his brother. Aside from his commercial interest he is a director in many banks and financial institutions and at all times his judgment is recognized as sound, his discriminations keen and his enterprise unfaltering. He is closely associated with movements that have to do with the development of trade and commerce and with the upbuilding of the city. He is active as a director of the Chamber of Commerce and as a member of the Traffic Association and the Retail Merchants Association. He is likewise a member of the Rotary Club.

On the 25th of July, 1900, Mr. Vandever was united in marriage to Miss Mame C. Delmore, who was born in Boone county, Missouri. Fraternally he is connected with Tulsa Lodge, No. 71, A. F. & A. M., also with Tulsa Chapter, No. 52, R. A. M. He is ex-president of the Oklahoma State Retail Merchants Association, was twice president of the Retail Merchants Association of Tulsa and was president of the Rotary Club from June 12, 1917, to June 12, 1918. He was also active in the World war work, and was instrumental in bringing several railroads through to Tulsa. He is an enthusiastic worker for civic betterment and a liberal contributor to every worthy cause that is put forth in the name of charity or religion. He holds to high standards and recognizes his duties and obligations in every relation of life. Coming to the southwest and casting in his lot with the early residents of Tulsa, he has been a contributing factor to the upbuilding and progress of the city, and is today numbered among its most prominent and representative men.

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#### CLIFTON T. EVERETT.

Clifton T. Everett entered the First National Bank in February, 1918, with considerable business experience and has since been advanced to the position of assistant vice president. He was born on a farm in Carroll county, Missouri, May 1, 1888. His father, William Albion Everett, was born in Virginia and in his childhood days became a resident of Missouri, where for many years he followed farming. He now lives in Tulsa and is engaged in the real estate business. His religious faith is that of the Baptist church and fraternally he is connected with the Masons. He wedded Mary Summers, who was born at West Plains, Missouri.

Their only child is Clifton T. Everett, who attended the public schools of Missouri to the age of fifteen years and afterward became a student in a high school at Oklahoma City. He started out in the business world as an employe in a clerical position with the Rock Island Railroad Company, with which he

remained for two years in Oklahoma City and in 1908 he removed to Tulsa, where he became identified with the lumber business in connection with his father. A year later he entered the employ of the Clarke & Bates Lumber Company at Kansas City, acting as assistant manager for the firm at Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Subsequently he spent a year and a half as bookkeeper with the wholesale grocery house of Ratcliff-Sanders Company at Tulsa and on the expiration of that period was advanced to the position of manager of the credit department and made secretary-treasurer of the company, having charge of the east Oklahoma territory. He continued to act in that capacity until February, 1918, when he entered the First National Bank in charge of the credit department. He was afterward made assistant cashier and later was advanced to the assistant vice presidency, in which official connection he continues to the present time.

In 1913 Mr. Everett was married to Miss Elsa Probst, a daughter of George C. Probst, a native of Indiana, now an oil producer in Tulsa. Mr. and Mrs. Everett have one son, Clifton T., Jr., now five years of age. Mr. Everett is well known in Masonic circles, belonging to Delta Lodge, No. 425, A. F. & A. M., also to the York Rite bodies, including Oklahoma Consistory, No. 1, A. A. S. R., of Guthrie. He has likewise crossed the sands of the desert with the Nobles of Akdar Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He assisted in organizing the First Credit Men's Association, of which he was the first treasurer and later vice president. He succeeded to the presidency upon the resignation of the incumbent in that office and he was also elected a member of the board of directors. He is likewise a director of the Retail Merchants' Association and is serving as treasurer of that body. He was very active in all war work and has ever stood for patriotic support of those interests which make for higher ideals and for continuous progress in citizenship.

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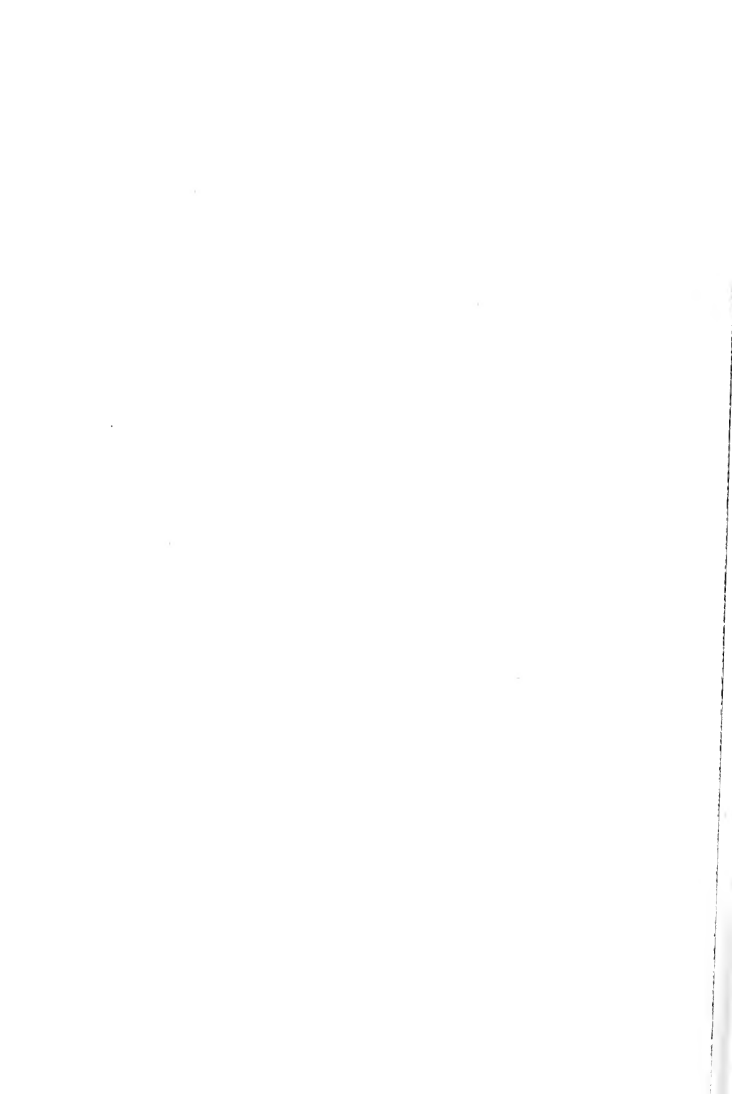
#### ASKEL J. POLIN.

Askel J. Polin, owner of the Polin Tire Service of Tulsa, was born in Kiev, Russia, April 20, 1882, his parents being Jacob and Ethel Polin, the former a wholesale grain merchant, who died when his son Askel was but eleven years of age.

The boy was thus thrown upon his own resources and there were two sisters and two younger brothers in the family. He had to look after his mother and younger sister, aiding in their support, and his educational opportunities were very limited. He learned something of the grain trade from his father and was but twelve years of age when he came to the United States, working for money to pay his passage. He landed at Philadelphia, where he became a shirt-maker, working eighteen hours per day and receiving a wage of but two dollars and a half per week in the employ of the Seiler Brothers Shirt Manufacturing Company. From this meagre sum, however, he managed to save a few dollars and went to Cripple Creek, Colorado, which at that time was a wide open mining town. There he engaged in the junk business and also worked to some extent in the mines. He then began dealing in horses, training fancy show ring horses for exhibit. He afterward established a livery business at Colorado Springs and his next venture in the business world was made as proprietor of a shoe store at Victor, Colorado. In this last undertaking he was quite successful and in fact his course was one of steady progress at all times. On leaving Victor he



ASKEL J. POLIX AND THE FIRST TIRE HE SOLD IN TULSA



went to Goldfield, Nevada, where he operated most profitably in the mines for a time, but lost all that he had saved in a single day. In 1900 he returned eastward as far as Muskogee, Oklahoma, and there engaged in the oil business but again lost his savings. Starting out anew with undiminished courage and unfaltering spirit he secured a clerkship in the shoe department of the Graham Sykes Department Store, being thus employed for three years. He also had charge of the automobiles belonging to the company and while driving noted that the United States tires were in use for eleven thousand miles, and gave splendid service. This decided him to go into the tire business and he became identified with the John Lombard Tire Company of Muskogee, as a salesman. Later he came to Tulsa and engaged in the sale of United States tires. He sold more tires than any other dealer and for three years conducted a most extensive business of this character. When he began the business he walked from one prospective customer to another, afterward used a bicycle in making his rounds and finally obtained a small car, while today he is the owner of several of the best motor cars on the market. He gives his entire attention to the tire business, which is conducted under the name of the Polin Tire Service. He started in business in Tulsa with a cash capital of twenty-five dollars and today is one of the wealthy men of the city, the secret of his success lying in his unfaltering enterprise, his thorough reliability and his indefatigable energy.

Mr. Polin was married in Muskogee, Oklahoma, to Miss Sadie Stern, a native of New Bedford, Massachusetts, and a daughter of Jacob Stern, engaged in merchandising in that place. Mr. and Mrs. Polin have one child, Jack, and Mrs. Polin is very active in the social circles and women's clubs of Tulsa. Mr. Polin belongs to the Ad Club, to the Young Men's Christian Association and to the Masonic fraternity, his membership being in Delta Lodge, No. 425, A. F. & A. M., while in the Consistory at McAlester he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and is also a Noble of Akdar Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Tulsa. He is much interested in the order and is a man of kindly purpose and charitable spirit. He belongs also to the Chamber of Commerce and to the Automobile Club and was active in war when the country needed the aid of all of her loyal sons. During his boyhood days in Colorado Mr. Polin was famous as a bicycle rider, making a notable record on a century run. He has always been a lover of fine horses and this is perhaps his hobby, if he can be said to have one. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to the United States, for in the land of opportunity he has made steady progress, his ability and industry bringing him steadily to the front.

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#### EDWARD B. MCFARLIN.

One of the well known and progressive young business men of Tulsa is Edward B. McFarlin, manager of the production department of the McMan Oil Company and also assistant treasurer, stockholder and director of the company. He was born near Waxahachie, Texas, on the 11th of September, 1886, a son of Edward P. and M. Isabelle (Runolds) McFarlin, the former a native of Texas and the latter of Missouri. The father has devoted his entire attention to farming and is now operating a farm near Seymour, Texas. Mrs. McFarlin passed away in November, 1920.

Edward B. McFarlin was reared and received his education in Texas. After putting his textbooks aside he engaged in the hardware business for some time

and later organized a company, having charge of a chain of seven stores distributed throughout Texas. From 1905 to 1912 he was active in the conduct of that business but sold in the latter year, becoming associated with the McMan Oil Company, with which company he has since been identified. He has devoted every energy to acquiring a thorough knowledge of the business and has risen to his present position as the result of his own determined effort. He started in the oil business when the company had less than a dozen wells and with the business he has expanded until today he is, because of his spirit of initiative and executive ability, manager of the production department of the company, as well as assistant treasurer, a stockholder and a director. The company produces in Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas and in addition operates several casinghead gasoline plants. R. M. McFarlin, an uncle of our subject, is the owner of the McMan Oil Company.

On November 11, 1908, occurred the marriage of Mr. McFarlin and Miss Myrtle Rhea, and to them two children have been born: Robert B., whose natal day was the 9th of September, 1909, and John Rhea, born April 6, 1913.

The political endorsement of Mr. Farlin is given to the republican party and he is well informed concerning the vital questions and issues of the day, but political preferment has had no attraction for him. He finds his satisfaction and interest in the upbuilding of his business and his close application and thoroughness constitute the important element in his prosperity. His fraternal affiliation is with the Masonic order, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree and his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. In his boyhood days Mr. McFarlin engaged in cattle punching for many years and he is now in possession of some valuable ranch property in Texas. Both Mr. and Mrs. McFarlin are well known in Tulsa and have innumerable friends, who find their home at 1630 South Elwood avenue, a haven of hospitality. Mr. McFarlin maintains offices on the fifth floor of the Drew building.

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#### WALTER J. ATKINS.

Walter J. Atkins, vice president of the Dresser Oil Company, and thus actively interested in the oil industry in Oklahoma, was born in Bradford, Pennsylvania, January 13, 1892, a son of J. G. and Mary (McDermott) Atkins, who were likewise natives of the Keystone state, where the father was well known as an oil man. He was a representative of one of the old families of New York and passed away in the year 1908. To him and his wife were born three children, two of whom are living.

Walter J. Atkins attended the St. Bernard's parochial school in Bradford, Pennsylvania, and afterwards was a student in the Westbrook Academy at Olean, New York. He started out in the business world as an employe of the Erie Railroad at Bradford and in 1908 he was transferred to Baltimore, Maryland, while in 1909 his railroad duties called him to New York. In the following year he left the employ of the railroad company and secured a position in the First National Bank of Bradford, there continuing until 1911, when he resigned to become purchasing agent in the department of public grounds and buildings of Pennsylvania, at Harrisburg, thus occupying a government position for about a year. In 1912, however, he returned to the First National Bank of Bradford, where he continued until 1916, when he accepted a position with Spar-



row, Harvey & Company, certified public accountants of New York. Each change in his business connection marked a forward step, bringing him broader experience and valuable knowledge that has been of use to him in his later activities. He became private secretary to C. K. Dresser of Bradford, Pennsylvania, in July, 1918, at the time Mr. Dresser was active in organizing the Dresser Oil Company. Mr. Atkins was elected vice president and general manager and so continues to the present time. He removed to Tulsa in 1919 and from this point has since directed the activities of the company in Oklahoma. He is also assistant secretary and treasurer of the Malta & McConnellsville Gas Company of Malta, Ohio, and is one of the directors of the Cumberland Torpedo Company of Winchester, Kentucky.

On the 26th of September, 1914, Mr. Atkins was married to Miss Wilda Kenemuth of Bradford, Pennsylvania, and to them has been born one son, Walter James, Jr. The parents are communicants of the Catholic church and Mr. Atkins belongs to the Elks lodge at Bradford, Pennsylvania. He also has membership with the Knights of Columbus at Bradford, Pennsylvania, and is a member of the Petroleum Club of Tulsa.

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#### WALTER KNIGHT CAMPBELL.

Among the enterprising and successful business men of Tulsa is Walter Knight Campbell, who has been connected with various enterprises in this vicinity since the spring of 1916. A native of Washington, Indiana, his birth occurred there on August 11th, 1878, a son of James M. and Ella M. Campbell.

In the acquirement of an education Walter Knight Campbell attended the schools of Lima, Ohio, and after graduating from the high school there made his initial step into the business world. For some time he was interested in the oil and oil well supplies business and then in the spring of 1904 removed to Kansas, locating in Peru, where for two years he was employed with the National Supply Company. In January, 1906, he launched into business on his own account, organizing the Beeler & Campbell Supply Company, of which he became president and general manager, and being a man of keen business discernment and sound judgment won for himself and the company a substantial amount of success. He disposed of that business in the spring of 1916, coming to Tulsa as pipe line and production superintendent for the Chanute Refining Company and while in that connection he discovered anticline at Garber and leasing what is now known as Garber Field made the first location there, locating the Hoy well in 1917. Some time later he helped organize the Economy Oil & Refining Company and after one year's operation this company was sold to the Producers & Refiners Company. Subsequently he organized the Western Oil Corporation, of which he has been president ever since. The affairs of the company have greatly prospered under the capable guidance of Mr. Campbell, for he is an astute business man with marked executive ability.

In Lima, Ohio, on the 17th of January, 1900, Mr. Campbell was united in marriage to Miss Grayce Russell, a daughter of William Russell, and to them two children have been born: James Edward and Dorothy J. Mrs. Campbell is well known in the social and club circles of Tulsa and is recognized as a woman of great strength of character, a model mother and a delightful hostess.

The political allegiance of Mr. Campbell has always been given the republican party and it is well known that he is a stalwart champion of any cause which it

espouses. He has never had any desire for political preferment as a reward for party fealty, preferring to devote his whole attention to his business interests. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church and fraternally he is identified with the Masons, being an exemplary member of that order. Socially he is a member of the Tulsa Pet Club and the Country Club. His standing as a citizen is firm and broad and in his adopted city it may consistently be said that the number of his friends is to be gauged by that of his acquaintances.

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#### CHARLES ARTHUR FURROW, D. D. S.

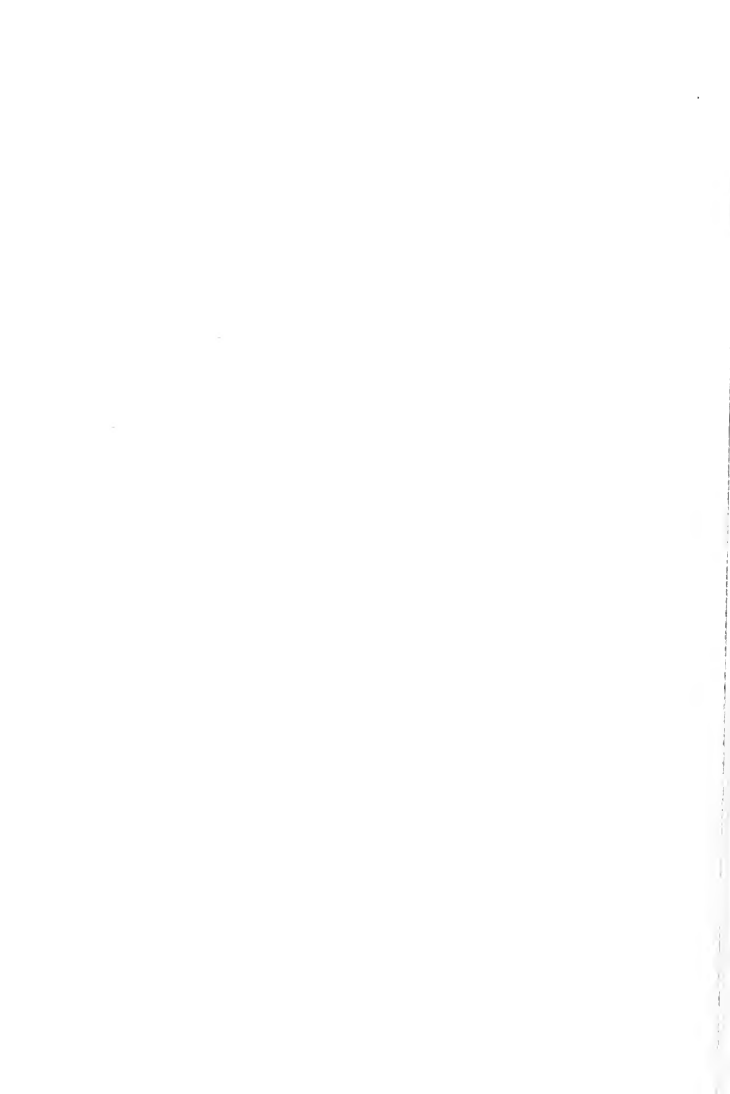
Dr. Charles Arthur Furrow, an eminent representative of the dental profession at Tulsa and widely known throughout the country by reason of the postgraduate courses which he holds in the instruction of representatives of the profession on removable restorations, was born March 11, 1883, in Troy, Ohio, a son of Elisha H. and Elizabeth (Leffel) Furrow. The father, a native of Columbus, Ohio, is a nurseryman and florist, who at the time of the Civil war put aside all business and personal considerations and enlisted in the Forty-fourth Ohio Infantry, serving for four years in this connection as a member of the Union army. He afterward went to Kansas, where he homesteaded and engaged in cattle raising. On the second day of the opening of Oklahoma territory, in 1889, he took up his abode near Guthrie, and soon afterward established greenhouses and a nursery, now having the largest enterprise of this kind in the southwest. He is a most active and progressive man and has so directed his business that it today exceeds all others of similar nature in this section of the country. Since attaining his majority he has voted with the republican party and his religious faith is found in his loyal adherence to the Christian church.

Charles A. Furrow obtained a public and high school education, and prompted by the same patriotic spirit that caused his father to join the Union army, he endeavored to enlist for service in the Spanish-American war. His age, however, was prohibitive; but he obtained special permission from Governor C. M. Barnes to enlist in Captain Capon's company of Rough Riders as a musician. Illness, however, prevented his going with his regiment and later he served for a year with the Eighth United States Cavalry Band at Port au Prince, Cuba. He was then transferred to the United States Transport McClellan as master at arms and rendered valuable aid to his country in that connection.

At length Dr. Furrow took up his abode in Guthrie and began the study of dentistry under the direction of his brother, W. E. Furrow, while in 1902 he entered the Kansas City Dental College, from which he was graduated in 1905. In 1906 he practiced in Guthrie and in 1907 engaged in practice in Kansas City, where he entered upon postgraduate work. In 1912 he began practice at Cushing in connection with his brother, M. B. Furrow, and in 1914 he removed to Tulsa. Since 1912 he has been specializing in fixed and removable bridge work and full dentures. He has taken extensive postgraduate work and in 1914 he became associated with Dr. B. L. Shobe, then of Tulsa, who originated the plan to hold postgraduate clinics for the state dental societies. In this connection Dr. Furrow now goes all over the United States, conducting special postgraduate classes under the auspices of the state dental societies and his superior skill and ability and comprehensive knowledge well qualify him for the important work of this character which he is now doing. Such courses offer the ideal solution



DR. CHARLES A. FURROW



of professional advancement. With classes limited, with discussions informal in character, permitting no point to remain obscure, the student grasps the difficult theories necessary to the working out of a certain technique, and skillful handiwork follows as a natural result, making possible the rendering of the science upon which the principles are based. Appreciation of the value of these postgraduate clinics has come to Dr. Furrow from all parts of the country. Moreover, he is associate professor and special lecturer on crown and bridge work of the Kansas City Western Dental College. He belongs to the Tulsa Dental Society, is a past president of the Northern District Dental Society of Oklahoma and also belongs to the State Dental Society. He has held clinics at the National Dental Society meetings—an honor and opportunity that are accorded to few.

On the 18th of November, 1905, in Guthrie, Dr. Furrow was married to Miss Hazel Mae Lowrie, who was born in Rockford, Illinois, a daughter of Thomas J. Lowrie, who went to Redfield, South Dakota, and became a prominent and wealthy landowner of that section. Dr. and Mrs. Furrow have one daughter, Lawrence Evelyn.

During the World war Dr. Furrow was a first lieutenant of the Dental Corps of the Oklahoma National Guard. Politically he is a republican, where national questions and issues are involved but casts a local independent ballot. He belongs to Union Lodge, No. 111, A. F. & A. M., at Cushing, is a Consistory Mason of Guthrie and a member of Akdar Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Tulsa. He is greatly interested in music and figures prominently in musical circles, becoming one of the organizers of the male chorus of Tulsa, of which he is the vice president. He turns to hunting and fishing for recreation, greatly enjoying outdoor sports of this character, but never allows anything to interfere with the faithful performance of his professional duties and in his chosen field has gained distinction and prominence. He was one of the first to specialize on crown and removable bridge work and his high standing in his profession is shown in the fact that each year he has conducted postgraduate courses, keeping constantly in touch with the most advanced scientific research, investigation and discovery.

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#### WARREN G. GUISS.

Warren G. Guiss, secretary of the McMan Oil and Gas Company, with offices in the Drew building, was born in Crawford county, Ohio, June 22, 1881, a son of John and Susan (Fry) Guiss. His parents were both natives of that state, where the father was successfully engaged in the mercantile business until about 1905, when he retired. He was a veteran of the Civil war, having served one year and his death occurred in November, 1920, at the advanced age of eighty-one years. Mrs. Guiss is living and makes her home at New Washington, Ohio.

Warren G. Guiss was reared and educated in Ohio and after completing the Washington high school course entered Heidelberg University. After graduating from that institution he taught school for two years and then removing to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, took a commercial course and as a result entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad for one and one-half years. In 1905 he came west and locating at Bartlesville, then in Indian Territory, secured work in the office of J. S. Glenn, junior member of the firm of Barnsdale & Glenn. In 1907 he removed with Mr. Glenn to Tulsa, remaining in his employ until, upon the death

of the former, he became secretary of the Pulaski Oil Company. After four years in that business he resigned to take charge of the office of the McMan Oil Company and became active in that connection in 1913. His executive ability was soon recognized and some time later he was made secretary of the company, a position he still holds. He is accounted one of the energetic, prosperous and capable business men of the town, a stanch supporter of all worthy and beneficial movements, and a general favorite among those with whom he has come into contact.

Although Mr. Guiss is a stanch supporter of the republican party he has never been a seeker for personal preferment in public affairs, preferring to devote his whole attention to his business interests. Fraternally he is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He has thoroughly identified his interests with those of the community and can be counted upon to do his part in furthering the public welfare.

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#### CHAUNCEY M. GILLESPIE, M. D.

Tulsa has a long list of capable physicians, men whose thorough training well qualified them for the active and responsible duties of the profession and in this connection Chauncey M. Gillespie is well known, becoming a resident of Tulsa in 1918. He was born in Belfast, Ireland, May 4, 1879, his parents being Robert and Katherine (Watters) Gillespie, both of whom were natives of the beautiful Emerald isle, where the father was a missionary of the Presbyterian church. He went abroad in missionary work, spending thirty-five years in India. Both he and his wife have passed away, leaving a family of eight children.

Dr. Gillespie of this review pursued his education in a boarding school of London, England, and later in the University of Edinburgh. Coming to the United States in 1904, and wishing to enter upon a professional career he finished at Loyola University of Chicago and won his M. D. degree in 1910, having devoted four years to medical studies. Since February, 1918, he has resided in Tulsa, where he has gained a large general practice.

On July 4, 1910, Dr. Gillespie was married to Miss Alexis F. Bisen of Whiting, Indiana. They are members of the Holy Family Roman Catholic church. Dr. Gillespie is identified with the Knights of Columbus. He was secretary of the board of health at Whiting, Indiana, when America entered the World war and volunteered for service but was not accepted. He belongs to the Tulsa County, Oklahoma State and American Medical Associations.

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#### FRANK E. PERKINS.

Frank E. Perkins, oil producer of Tulsa, was born in Venango county, Pennsylvania, April 8, 1870, a son of Nelson and Martha (Black) Perkins, who were natives of Canada and came to the United States in 1867. The father settled in Pennsylvania and became an oil producer of that state, continuing in the business there until 1915, when he came to Tulsa, where he and his wife are now living retired, making their home at No. 2506 East Eighth street.

Frank E. Perkins was reared and educated in Venango county, Pennsylvania, and at Bradford, that state, and when his textbooks were put aside went

into the oil business, spending twenty-five years with the Jennings interests, oil producers of Pittsburgh. In 1910 he removed to Texas, where he purchased a ranch and operated that place, being engaged in general farming and the production of fruit and also stock raising. After three years residence at San Antonio, Texas, he came to Tulsa and accepted the position of vice president and general manager of the Quaker Oil & Gas Company, serving as such until 1915, when he became identified with the Tidal Oil Company, with which he was associated until 1919. At that date he began to devote his entire time to his own interests in Okmulgee, Pawnee, Osage and other fields, with offices in the Kennedy building. His affairs have been wisely and profitably conducted, and he not only derives a substantial income from his Texas ranch but also from oil production in the mid-continent field.

In July, 1893, Mr. Perkins was married to Miss Elizabeth L. Quigley, a daughter of David and Anna Quigley, natives of Ireland, who came to the new world in early life, settling in Butler county, Pennsylvania, where the father became an oil producer, there residing until his death, which occurred in 1908, while his wife survived until 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins have become parents of two children: Lillian, the wife of L. B. Holt, a resident of Cleveland, Oklahoma; and Margaret H., the wife of H. H. Taylor, living in the Lorton apartments in Tulsa.

Mr. Perkins is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees and politically is a democrat, while his religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. The principles which have ever governed his conduct are such as will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny, and he has at all times commanded the respect and goodwill of those with whom business and social relations have brought him in contact.

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#### CHESLEY C. HERNDON.

Chesley C. Herndon, vice president and counsel of Skelly Oil Company with offices in the Unity building, is associated with one of the leading business interests in Tulsa. He was born in Clarksville, Tennessee, on the 26th of August, 1886, a son of Thomas and Laura (Coleman), Herndon, the former a native of North Carolina and the latter of Tennessee. The ancestors in both paternal and maternal lines were early residents of Tennessee, Virginia, and North Carolina, being among the well known families of those states. Thomas Herndon served for four years in the Confederate army during the Civil war, being captain of Company L, Fourteenth Tennessee Infantry. He participated in many of the important battles of the conflict and during one engagement in which he was shot through the leg and hip, was so disabled that he could not escape and was taken prisoner, being confined on Johnson's Island for a period of fourteen months, at the termination of which time he was exchanged. At the close of hostilities he returned to Tennessee and locating in Clarksville engaged in the leaf tobacco business, which he followed for many years. At the time of his death in 1918 he was residing in Gulfport, Mississippi, with a daughter. Mrs. Herndon is still making her home there.

The public schools of Clarksville, Tennessee, afforded Chesley C. Herndon a preliminary education, which was later continued in Paducah, Kentucky, and then in due time he enrolled as a student in Cumberland University at Lebanon, Tennessee, and was graduated in law from that institution with the class of 1909.

The following year he spent in practicing his profession at Nashville and then removed to Chickasha, Oklahoma, where after practicing for three years, he was appointed first assistant United States attorney by Woodrow Wilson and removed to Muskogee, this state. After serving one and one-half years in that capacity he resigned to remove to Tulsa and to engage there in the practice of the law. Later he retired again from the practice in order to aid in the organization of Skelly Oil Company. He was successful in that undertaking and upon the organization of that company in 1919 became its vice president and counsel, a position he still holds.

In September of the year 1912 Mr. Herndon was united in marriage to Miss Ethel Dunn of Garden City, Kansas. Her parents were James M. and Alta (Lewis) Dunn and they removed from Illinois to western Kansas in 1885, locating in Garden City. There the father passed away in November, 1917. Mrs. Dunn is still living. Eight children were born to their union, seven of whom are living, one of them being Judge Jesse J. Dunn, former supreme court justice of Oklahoma. For six years he held that office, part of the time serving as chief justice, and in 1913 he tendered his resignation and removed to California, where he is now engaged in practicing law at Oakland. Judge Dunn has many friends throughout Oklahoma, in which state he is prominently known and highly respected. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Herndon two children have been born: Alta Ethel, whose birth occurred in April, 1914, and who passed away in November, 1917; and Laura Gertrude, born in July, 1916.

Mr. Herndon gives his political endorsement to the democratic party, having firm belief in the efficacy of the principles of that party as factors in good government. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, of which order he is an exemplary member, belonging to the blue lodge and chapter. The religious faith of the family is that of the Methodist Episcopal church, South. As counsel for Skelly Oil Company Mr. Herndon has displayed marked ability. He is well versed in all branches of jurisprudence, is clear in his reasoning, careful in his analysis and logical in his deductions. The business of Skelly Oil Company has become one of broad scope and importance, while the high reputation of the company constitutes its best business asset. Mr. and Mrs. Herndon reside at 314 West Haskell place.

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#### WILLIAM O. LIGON, Jr.

William O. Ligon, Jr., of the firm of William O. Ligon & Company, accountants, with offices in the Kennedy building in Tulsa, is connected with a business of immense proportions and in fact the company's position is one of leadership in its line in the city. Thorough preliminary training and wide experience have well qualified Mr. Ligon for the duties that devolve upon him in this connection. He was born in Liberty, Mississippi, July 28, 1880, a son of William O. and Jennie (Davis) Ligon, who were likewise natives of Mississippi. The father's birth occurred in Liberty, and he became a prominent cotton merchant, following that business to the time when his son William O. was eight years of age. At that time he became United States marshal under General Wade Adams, and was on duty during the period of the Civil war from 1861 to 1865. He married Jennie Davis, who was born in Mississippi, and they became the parents of five sons, all of whom are living. The parents, however, have passed away.

William O. Ligon, whose name introduces this review, pursued a high school



education in his native state and in his boyhood started out to provide for his own support. He worked with various railway and sugar companies for a number of years, and learned from each new experience the lesson of life therein contained. Steadily he worked his way upward and has reached a creditable position in business circles.

On the 25th of November, 1916, he came to Tulsa from New Orleans, where he had acted as accountant for large interests, and has since made his home here. In 1917 he established his present business and the firm is today in the forefront among the accountancy firms west of the Mississippi river. Not only does it have among its clientele the large oil interests, banks and other corporations of Tulsa, but maintains branch offices in other western cities. They employ forty-four experts, some of them very high salaried men, getting ten thousand dollars annually. They have large and splendidly equipped offices in the Kennedy building, and the business is one of the most important of the kind in the southwest.

Mr. Ligon was married to Miss Ada Blanche Hooks of Texas, a daughter of J. D. Hooks, one of the pioneers and wealthy cattlemen of Texas. Mrs. Ligon is active in the leading social and club circles of Tulsa. By her marriage she has become the mother of two sons: Edward, eighteen years of age, now a student in the University of Oklahoma; and Louis (III), at school.

Mr. Ligon is a veteran of the Spanish-American war. He was in service in Cuba and the Philippines, and following his return to his native land was active for fifteen years in the organization of militia companies in the south. He organized a cavalry company of Jennings, Louisiana, of which he became captain, and this later was made the headquarters troop of the Rainbow Division in the World war. Mr. Ligon is a Mason, holding membership in Progressive Lodge, No. 262, A. F. & A. M., and he also belongs to Oklahoma Consistory, No. 1, A. A. S. R., at Guthrie, and to Akdar Temple of the Mystic Shrine in Tulsa. He belongs to the Tulsa-Ozark Club, organized for hunting and fishing purposes, the Country Club, which is a golf club, and also to the Petroleum Club. He is a man of pleasing personality as well as of high attainment in his profession, winning friends wherever he goes, and is classed with the honored and representative residents of Tulsa.

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### F. JULIUS FOHS.

Among those who have made the most detailed study of the mid-continent oil fields and whose broad scientific knowledge enables them to discern conditions and recognize evidences that are as a seal to others, is F. Julius Fohs, prominently known as a consulting geologist of New York and Tulsa. He was born in the former city, March 1st, 1884, and is a son of Mark E. and Frederica (Baum) Fohs.

At the age of fourteen F. Julius Fohs began his geologic studies with a view of making that his life work. He lectured at the Kentucky State University during 1906, 1907 and 1908, in the School of Mines, and took postgraduate work in Columbia University, New York city, in 1909. His activity included the superintendency of mines in 1901 and employment as field assistant geologist of the branch of the United States Survey in 1902. He afterward became engineer in charge of mines, thus continuing from October, 1902, until March, 1905. He was assistant state geologist of Kentucky from March, 1905, until 1912, when he opened an office at Lexington, as consulting geologist, specializing in oil-finding.

He opened his Tulsa office in 1913. He is the author of a number of bulletins and papers on coal, oil, and various minerals. Mr. Fohs is identified chiefly with the Humphreys-Fohs group of companies, the Newblock Oil Company, the Homokla Oil Company, etc.

On September 16, 1908, he married Miss Cora Baldauf of Henderson, Kentucky, and they now have two daughters: Ella B. and Frances B. Fohs. They resided in Tulsa from 1913 to 1918, but since that time have made their home in New York, although Mr. Fohs spends about half his time in Tulsa and the oil fields.

Mr. Fohs is a Scottish Rite Mason and a Noble of the Mystic Shrine; a member of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers; of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists and of the Bankers' Club of New York. He was also one of the chief factors in the building of Temple Israel in this city.

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### BERNARD H. LASKY.

Bernard H. Lasky, petroleum engineer and geologist, practicing as a member of the firm of Mowry Bates & Bernard H. Lasky, with offices in the Atco building in Tulsa, was born in San Francisco, California, January 4, 1892, a son of Michael C. Lasky, a native of Los Angeles, California, and now proprietor of a large optical goods establishment at 832 Market street, San Francisco. He is very prominent in business and Masonic circles in that city. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Kate Brownstone, was born in San Francisco and has become the mother of four children.

Bernard H. Lasky pursued a public and high school education in San Francisco and afterward attended the Stanford University, from which he was graduated with the Bachelor of Science degree in 1912. He then took up mining work which he followed in California, Nevada, Arizona and Texas. For a time he was field engineer for the United States Smelting & Refining & Exploration Company, so serving for two years, after which he came to Oklahoma and was with the Empire Gas & Fuel Company, occupying that position for a year. He was next with Hager, Bates & Lewis, a prominent firm of geologists and then entered the army in response to the call for troops to serve in the World war. He was commissioned a first lieutenant of the Three Hundred and Sixteenth Engineers and saw active service in France and Belgium, being familiar with every phase of modern warfare such as was necessitated by reason of the course pursued by the Germans in their attempt to dominate the world.

Following his return to America Mr. Lasky became associated with Mowry Bates, the pioneer geologist and oil man of Oklahoma, and they are now associated in the practice of their profession as geologists and oil engineers of Tulsa, making appraisals and geological reports. Mr. Lasky has remained throughout the intervening years a close student of his profession, constantly broadening his knowledge by study, research and investigation. To this end he has taken up membership in many technical and scientific societies, belonging to the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, the American Association of Petroleum Geologists and various others. He has a large clientele in the oil business and ranks very high in his profession.

Aside from his profession he is a Mason and has membership in Petroleum Lodge, No. 474, A. F. & A. M., the Elks lodge at Seattle, Washington, and the

Foresters of America. He is a popular young man by reason of social qualities, while his energy and developing ability are bringing him prominently to the front in professional circles.

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### JOHN T. BLAIR.

Extensive business interests claim the time and attention of John T. Blair, who as a member of the firm of Blair Brothers, realtors, architects and builders, with offices on the seventh floor of the Petroleum building, is readily conceded a representative and progressive citizen of Tulsa. He was born in Wheaton, Kansas, on the 31st of October, 1885, a son of John J. and Celia (Farrell) Blair, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Illinois. The Blair family were pioneers in Kansas, to which state the father removed in 1876 and where for eleven years he engaged in farming. In 1887, however, he removed to Missouri, where he farmed until 1898, and then, returning to Kansas, resumed his agricultural pursuits in that state. In 1902 he came to Oklahoma and located in Cushing, remaining there until 1905, when he established residence in Tulsa. He has since been associated with his two sons in the conduct of their business interests and has also built and sold houses on his own account. He has made a success in life and he still retains possession of his homestead in Missouri which brings him a substantial income. Mrs. Blair is also living and takes a prominent part in the club and social affairs of Tulsa.

In the acquirement of an education John T. Blair attended the schools of Missouri and at the age of sixteen years, putting his textbooks aside, began railroading as an employe of the Frisco and Katy lines in the building department. For three years he was active in that connection, during which time he aided in the construction of that road into Cushing. During his spare hours Mr. Blair took several correspondence courses along the branches of civil service and architecture and in 1907 he established a building business in Tulsa. In 1910 he also became interested in real estate and with his brother, Joseph E., is now conducting business under the firm name of Blair Brothers. They make a specialty of designing, building and selling homes, and their business has grown to extensive proportions.

When Mr. Blair embarked upon his business career in Tulsa he had a capital of but seven dollars but with characteristic energy and determination he forged ahead, allowing no obstacles, however great, to remain long in his path. He has since that time planned and built homes at a cost of over three million dollars, in addition to many office buildings, churches and other public structures. In the year 1920 the firm's building operations exceeded the six hundred thousand dollar mark and their real estate sales for the first six months of that year amounted to over one million four hundred thousand dollars. The firm has been instrumental in opening up the following additions, starting north on Main street: Kirkpatrick Heights, Carlton Place, Crosley Heights, Morning-side, Maple Ridge and Sunset Park, and they are now busy building these additions. They are sole agents for Sunset Park and hope to make it the most exclusive residential section in Tulsa. The operations of Blair Brothers for the year 1921 will exceed all previous years, and the labor records of Tulsa show that they have for the past ten years maintained the largest individual pay roll of any firm in the city.

On the 12th of January, 1916, Mr. Blair was united in marriage to Miss

Theresa Ronoldson, a daughter of William and Belle Ronoldson. Her mother passed away in 1896 and until recently her father has made his home in Tulsa but is now a resident of New Orleans. Mr. and Mrs. Blair have become parents of three children: Mary Isabelle, Geraldine Cecelia and John William.

Since age conferred upon Mr. Blair the right of franchise he has been a staunch supporter of the democratic party, having firm belief in the efficacy of the principles of that party as factors in good government. He is a communicant of the Catholic church and fraternally is identified with the Knights of Columbus. Mr. Blair is well informed on the questions and issues of the day and is a self-educated man, for he put away his school books when but sixteen years of age. Thrown upon his own resources at an early day he learned his lessons in the school of experience, and his advice to young men starting into the business world today is to be ambitious and honest above all else. He is also a staunch advocate of the "own your home" policy, believing the home, no matter how small, to be the finest investment which a young married man can make. During the World war Mr. Blair devoted a generous portion of his time to the promotion of all local drives and also made extensive donations to many charitable affairs.

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#### JOHN MURRAY WARD.

High on the roll of citizens who have contributed to the business development and consequent improvement of Tulsa appears the name of John Murray Ward, who arrived here in 1907, the year in which Oklahoma was welcomed into the galaxy of the states that constitute this great republic. It is an interesting fact that one of his ancestors was active in shaping the history of the republic, for the interesting story of Mary Lindley Murray and her pleasing hospitality is known to every school-boy. Her husband, one of the prosperous merchants of New York, was rather inclined toward the crown, a tory at heart, but Mrs. Murray and her daughters were ardent advocates of the patriots' cause and she quickly embraced her opportunity to aid the forces of Washington when, following the British victory in the battle of Long Island, General Howe, with his five British men-of-war sailed up East river to continue the pursuit of Washington, who had retreated from Brooklyn. The British anchored opposite Murray Hill, on which stood Belmont, the splendid home of the Murrays. Mrs. Murray watched the landing of the Redcoats four thousand strong and at the same time saw the disorderly retreat of the American forces, who had not had time to rally. Realizing that the opportunity must be given for General Washington to reassemble his men in battle form Mrs. Murray took advantage of a previous acquaintance with General Howe in England and sent one of her servants to invite him and his staff to dine at the Murray home. "I do thank you, Madam," was Howe's courteous reply. "But I must first catch that rascally Yankee, Putnam." "Did thee not hear that he had gone?" was her quick rejoinder. So came Howe, Cornwallis, Tryon, Clinton and the others to enjoy the courtesy of the mistress of Belmont. She and her daughters gave the English guests a warm welcome and entertained them so royally that while lingering over the hospitable board the American forces had opportunity to rally. Messengers were dispatched and the divisions massed, so that behind the Harlem entrenchments the patriots were ready for Howe's attack the following morning. History records this "Not a great battle, but a great victory for the Americans," and in



*Mr. May*



*R. R. Parkhurst.*



journals kept of that day both British and American soldiers attribute Howe's delay at the Murray home as the reason of Putnam's chance of escape, and the time thus gained made possible later American victories.

Charles Sumner has said, "Peace hath her victories no less renowned than war," and it was in the domain of peace that John Murray Ward made brilliant conquests through his capable management of business affairs. As stated it was in the year 1907 that Mr. Ward and his wife, May Parkhurst Ward, removed from Colorado Springs to Tulsa. The opportunities of the city made strong appeal to him and though for some years he had been a successful physician in New York city he turned his attention to commercial pursuits in the west. For a considerable period he was identified with hotel management and his ability in this direction was pronounced. While in Tulsa he became the first receiver for the Robinson Hotel and later was manager of Hotel Tulsa, entering upon this connection at the time of the opening of the hostelry and so continuing until failing health caused him to put aside the arduous duties of this character. Later he was identified with real estate development in Tulsa and his sound judgment was at all times manifest in his activity in the real estate field. Opportunity seemed ever to him a call to action and one to which he made ready response. By perseverance, determination and honorable efforts he overthrew every obstacle which barred his path to success and reached the goal of prosperity, while his genuine worth, broad mind and public spirit made him a director of public thought and action. He stood as a representative of our best type of American manhood and chivalry.

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#### REUBEN KELLUM PARKHURST.

The name of Reuben Kellum Parkhurst is closely associated with the substantial development and improvement of Tulsa, where many attractive buildings which he erected still stand as monuments to his spirit of enterprise and progress. It has been said that if one would understand the individual he must delve into his ancestral history. In tracing the descent of Reuben K. Parkhurst one learns that the family prior to the fifteenth century was prominent in Surrey, England, where Parkhurst Manor was established and where Sir Robert Parkhurst held court in the year 1629, while afterward he became lord mayor of London. The Parkhurst arms in heraldry record deeds of bravery and valor of those of the family who participated in the crusades. Parkhurst forest in the Isle of Wight is the first recorded royal forest and up to the present time three thousand acres still known by this name are protected and maintained by the government for the growth of timber used in the navy.

Through each succeeding generation representatives of the Parkhurst family have stanchly borne their part in matters of citizenship and have manifested the progressive spirit which does not fear to venture where favoring opportunity points the way. It was this that led members of the family to come to the new world and made Reuben K. Parkhurst a citizen of Tulsa, when the present metropolis of the oil field bore little resemblance to the beautiful and substantial city that it is today. Leaving his home in Fairfield, Illinois, Mr. Parkhurst came to Tulsa in 1908. With notable prescience and sagacity he seemed to realize something of what the future had in store for the town and acting according to the dictates of his faith and judgment he at once purchased property on North Main street, on a part of which he erected the Parkhurst block,

thus giving impulse to the growth and development of business interests in that part of the city. He afterward erected and later sold several handsome residences on the north side, while he and his wife established their home at No. 622 North Cheyenne street, where he resided to the time of his demise in November, 1916. His activity in business not only contributed to his individual success but was also a potent factor in the development of the city and state. His life was one of continuous activity, in which was accorded due recognition of labor, so that he became one of the substantial and prosperous residents of Tulsa. His interests in his later years were thoroughly identified with those of the city and at all times he was ready to lend his aid and cooperation to any movement calculated to benefit this section of the country or advance its wonderful development. His daughter, May Parkhurst Ward, widow of J. M. Ward, is still a resident of Tulsa, a lady of liberal culture and innate refinement, whose life is characterized by many good deeds of a charitable and benevolent nature and who is very active in club matters.

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### THOMAS M. HASKINS, M. D.

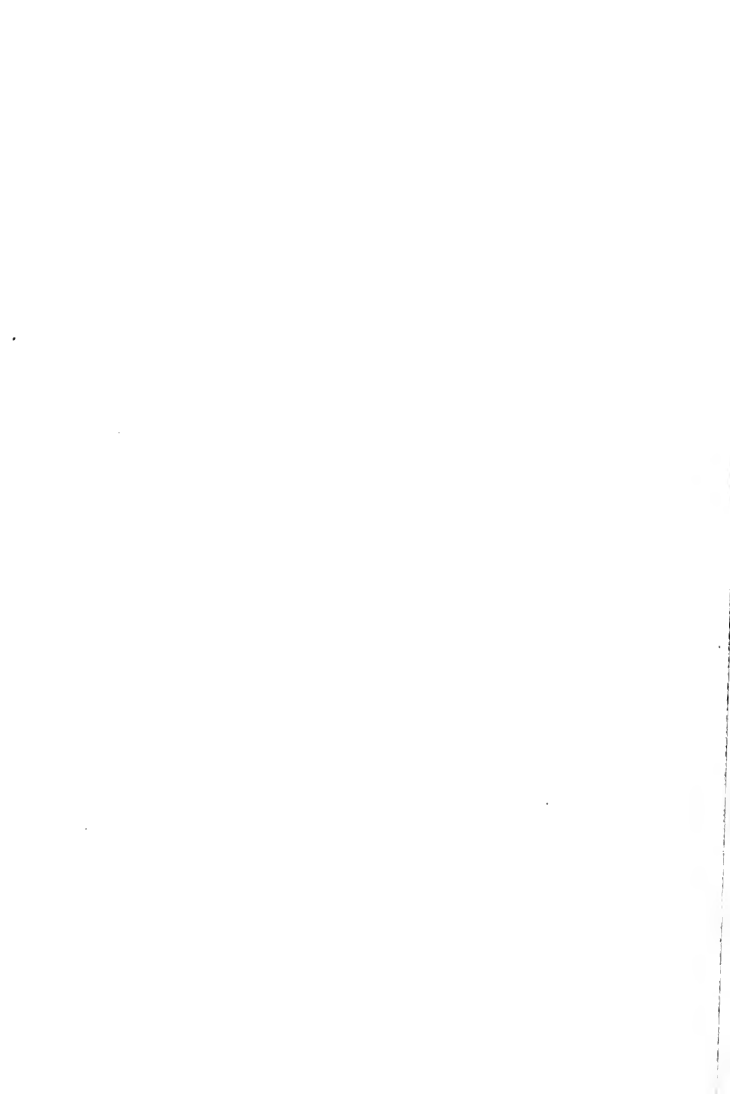
Dr. Thomas M. Haskins engaged in the practice of surgery in Tulsa since 1916, thoroughly qualified for his professional duties by broad preliminary training, having been a student in the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Baltimore and in the Bellevue Hospital Medical College of New York, from which he graduated in 1888. He is a native of West Virginia, his birth having occurred on a farm in Wetzel county, August 19, 1869, his parents being William H. and Anna Jane (Brookover) Haskins. The father, a native of Virginia, was of Irish descent, the great-grandparents having been the founders of the family in the new world. William H. Haskins largely devoted his attention to the occupation of farming, which he followed in Wetzel county for many years. He was likewise prominent in public affairs there, filling a number of offices and was a member of the Baptist church. His wife was born in West Virginia and in their family were six children, four of whom are living, there being three sons: Thomas M., John C., and A. P.

The youthful experiences of Dr. Haskins were those of the farm bred boy. He early decided to enter upon the profession of medicine as a life work, but taught school for several years in early manhood, beginning in his teens. When twenty-two years of age he was elected superintendent of schools in Wetzel county and filled the office for two terms. He afterward taught a private normal school for two years at Burton, West Virginia, and was occupying the position of county superintendent of schools at the time of the completion of his first medical course. His more advanced educational training of a literary character was received in the Fairmont Normal School and later he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, where he won his M. D. degree in 1886. He practiced for two years in his native town and for ten months at Davis City, after which he located at Benwood, West Virginia. Subsequently he removed to Wheeling, West Virginia, where he erected a hospital. The main building was first constructed and in the spring of 1900 he built an annex in order to accommodate his growing practice. The main building is a four-floor structure, one hundred by fifty feet, and he equipped it with every modern convenience. The annex is five stories in height and the hospital became one of the best in Wheeling. Dr. Haskins continued at the





DR. THOMAS M. HASKINS



head of the hospital until 1916, when he removed to Tulsa, where he has since engaged in surgical and general practice. His ability is pronounced by reason of his thorough study and broad experience and he is a member of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States, which was organized in 1891 and incorporated by congress in 1905. He likewise belongs to the Ohio County Medical Society, the Tulsa County Medical Society, the Oklahoma State Medical Association and the American Medical Association.

In 1894 Dr. Haskins was married to Miss Louise M. Schenk, a daughter of F. Schenk, a prominent business man of Wheeling, West Virginia, who was the founder of the F. Schenk Sons Packing Company. Dr. and Mrs. Haskins have become parents of five children: Rhea, twenty-five years of age; Mary, twenty-two; Edna, twenty; Thomas, seventeen; and Evelyn, fourteen. Dr. Haskins belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, also to the Knights of Pythias and in Tulsa he has become a member of the Petroleum Club. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and at all times he keeps thoroughly informed concerning the vital questions and issues of the day. While in Wheeling he served on the city council, also on the board of control for six years. In recognition of his hospital experience he was appointed in 1910 by Governor William C. Glasscock on the board of examination and registration of nurses, also appointed by Governor Hatfield, serving till he left West Virginia and came to Tulsa. He took special work in the Post-Graduate Hospital, New York, and clinics in Chicago and New York. He is a member of the staff of the Physicians and Surgeons Hospital of Tulsa.

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#### DICK B. MASON.

Dick B. Mason, manager of the White Oil Corporation, a large oil producing company of Oklahoma, has made his home in Tulsa since 1917. For many years before his arrival in this state, however, he was connected with the oil industry. He is a native of Marietta, Ohio, born September 1, 1877. His father, E. J. Mason, was a railway engineer, connected with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. At the time of the Civil war, however, he put aside all business and personal considerations and joined the army in defense of the Union, serving under General Hooker. He was a member of the Baptist church and in that faith passed away. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Lucetta Scribner, was born in Lowell, Ohio, and she, too, has departed this life. In their family were five children, all of whom are living.

Dick B. Mason attended the public and high schools of his native city and afterward took up railroading, becoming a telegraph operator when but thirteen years of age in the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio and the Pennsylvania Railroad Companies. His early identification with the oil business began when he entered the employ of the Oil Well Supply Company at Parkersburg, West Virginia. He remained with that firm for two years in West Virginia, after which he was transferred to Chanute, Kansas, where he represented the same concern. In 1904 he became identified with the Oil Well Supply Company at Bartlesville but in 1911 severed his connection with that concern and has since been carrying on business on his own account in connection with oil production. He dates his residence in Tulsa from 1917 and is now the manager of the White Oil Corporation, a very large production company. His capability is widely recognized and he is a business man of the highest ethical and commercial standards. Steady prog-

ress has characterized his course and his advancement results from ready recognition and utilization of opportunities.

In 1904 Mr. Mason was married to Miss Mary Morrison of Caldwell, Ohio, a daughter of Judge Morrison. They have become parents of two children: Dick B., twelve years of age; and Betty Jane, aged six. Mr. Mason is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and also belongs to the Masonic fraternity, having attained high rank in the order, as indicated in the fact that he has membership in Syrian Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Cincinnati, Ohio. He belongs to the Country Club and is also a director of the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce. Those who know him recognize his sterling worth as a man and as a citizen. He is ever actuated by the spirit of progress and advancement in all that he undertakes, whether for the benefit of the public or for the advancement of his own fortunes. His course illustrates clearly what can be accomplished through individual effort. Starting out to provide for his own support when a lad in his early teens, he has through industry, diligence and sound judgment steadily worked his way upward until he is now occupying a most creditable position on the stage of business activity dealing with the oil industry in the southwest.

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#### LEMUEL ALVIN KAUFMAN.

Lemuel Alvin Kaufman, proprietor of the Kaufman hotel, one of the leading hostleries of Tulsa, was born in Findlay, Ohio, October 10, 1872, his parents being Samuel and Sarah A. (Hall) Kaufman. The father was born in Ohio and engaged in the saddlery business at Mt. Blanchard, that state, for a number of years. He was a public-spirited citizen, interested in all that pertained to the general welfare, and he contributed in substantial measure to the moral progress and development of his community as a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was a representative of a Masonic fraternity and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His wife, also a native of the Buckeye state, is now living in Tulsa, and by her marriage she became the mother of two sons, both of whom are engaged in the hotel business, the elder being W. C. Kaufman, who is a hotel proprietor in Columbus, Ohio.

Lemuel A. Kaufman, after attending the public and high schools of his native state and the Grand River Institute of Austinburg, Ohio, turned his attention to the grocery business, being at that time a progressive youth without financial resources but possessed of energy and ambition. He afterwards went on the road as a traveling salesman and for fifteen years represented a chemical house of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, his territory covering the entire United States save that section west of the Rocky mountains. He afterwards came to Tulsa and was associated with John O. Mitchell in the oil business and other interests until July, 1917. He then turned his attention to hotel management, and is now the owner of the Kaufman Hotel, a first-class hostelry containing one hundred rooms, with attractive furnishings and modern equipment. As manager of the business he is making a success of the enterprise and the hotel is most liberally patronized. Mr. Kaufman has himself been an extensive traveler and recognizes the demands and needs of the traveling public. He is also associated with several other business enterprises as a director or stockholder.

In 1918 Mr. Kaufman was married to Miss Pearl Hartzog, a native of Ohio. He has three children by a former marriage: B. A. who is the head of the engineering department of the National Construction Company of Columbus,



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Ohio, married Laura Claypool, and has two daughters, Anita and Margaret. Bernice is the wife of R. Stanley Wallace of the Columbus Bank Note Company of Columbus, Ohio, and they have one son, R. Stanley, Jr., usually called Dick. The daughter Gertrude is the wife of John Wallace, and they have one son, Harry, who is with his parents in Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Kaufman has always been very fond of baseball and motoring, and turns to these pursuits for his pleasure and recreation. He is a popular and genial host, and since coming to Tulsa has won substantial success in the hotel business. Fraternally he is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and his religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church.

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#### OLIVER H. LEONARD.

Seldom does the news of a death carry with it such a sense of personal bereavement into many homes as did that of Oliver H. Leonard, honored as a citizen and business man in Tulsa, whose well-spent life and sterling character gained for him the warmest esteem, affection and goodwill of all with whom he was associated. Oliver H. Leonard was born July 26, 1863, in Muscatine county, Iowa. He belonged to one of the pioneer families of that locality, his parents being Joshua and Ellen H. (Ady) Leonard, both of whom were natives of Ohio. Removing westward they resided for many years in Iowa, where the father followed the occupation of farming as a life work. He was prominent in community affairs and commanded the respect of all who knew him. His birth occurred in Delaware county, Ohio, and there he obtained his education, after which he devoted his attention to farming in that state until 1854, when he became a resident of Springfield, Illinois. Two years later he established his home in Iowa, casting in his lot with the early settlers of Muscatine county, where he procured a tract of wild land which he converted into a rich and productive farm. He resided there until 1864 and then went to Poweshiek county, Iowa, becoming one of the prominent and influential citizens of that section of the state. He served for nine consecutive years on the board of county commissioners, and took a most helpful interest in promoting public progress in the little city of Brooklyn, and there he passed away in 1900. He gave his early political allegiance to the whig party and upon its dissolution joined the ranks of the new republican party. Both he and his wife were devoted members of the Methodist church and died in that faith. They had a family of seven children.

Oliver H. Leonard, one of this number, was educated in the State University of Iowa at Iowa City, and graduated from business college, after which he became identified with the Poweshiek County Bank, filling the position of assistant cashier. After two years experience he was promoted to the position of cashier and continued to act in that capacity until 1889, when he resigned and disposed of his stock in the institution. He then went to Pipestone, Minnesota, where he became one of the organizers of the Farmers & Merchants Bank, of which he was elected president. Subsequently he returned to Iowa and purchased stock in the Citizens Savings Bank of Cedar Falls, which elected him to the office of cashier. He continued to fill that position until 1910, when severing his business connections in Iowa, he removed to Tulsa and was here elected vice president of the Exchange National Bank, of which he became one of the

principal stockholders, after spending a year with the Union Trust Company. The Exchange National is the largest bank in the state of Oklahoma, and as vice president, Mr. Leonard had much to do with forming its policy, and directing its affairs, giving his attention, throughout the years from 1911 to the time of his death, to administrative direction and executive control. His long experience as a banker well qualified him for the responsible duties that devolved upon him and he ranked with the foremost financiers of the state and was honored by all, by reason of the honesty and integrity of his course and the progressiveness of his methods.

On the 22d of September, 1885, Mr. Leonard was married to Miss Nellie B. Bennett, a native of Brooklyn, Iowa, and a daughter of L. M. Bennett, who went to Iowa in 1862. To Mr. and Mrs. Leonard were born three children: Lucile, now Mrs. H. M. LeSourd of Columbus, Ohio, who is the mother of a son, Leonard; Virginia Kathleen, who passed away in December, 1920, greatly beloved by all; and Howard, eleven years of age.

The family circle was again broken by the hand of death when on February 11, 1921, Mr. Leonard was called to his final rest. He had made for himself a notable place in the community. He was at one time president of the Commercial Club, now the Chamber of Commerce. He belonged to the Country Club, the City Club and the Petroleum Club, and was interested in all those forces which make for the development and upbuilding of a community along material, intellectual, social and moral lines. He had membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he was one of the trustees, and he was a director and liberal supporter of Kendall College. His political endorsement was given to the republican party and his decision upon any vital question was never an equivocal one. He stood loyally for what he believed to be right and no one questioned the integrity of his motives. While a man of marked ability he was also one of modesty, free from ostentation in every way. He had splendid qualities that endeared him to all, and his character is perhaps best portrayed in the words of his pastor, the Rev. J. W. Abel, who in the funeral services took as his text: "And he wrought that which was good and right and faithful before Jehovah and his God." Speaking of Mr. Leonard, he said: "He was reared in a Christian home and converted when he was a young man and at once went about establishing a family altar in his newly made home, entering at once into the responsibilities of the work of the church, and from that hour was always in some responsible position in the church. Here you have the secret of this man's life. No doubt there are in this company today many men who have gone to Mr. Leonard in the hour of financial straits and have received from his assistance, encouragement and friendly advice." It was characteristic of Mr. Leonard that he was constantly extending a helping hand where it was needed and the world is certainly better for his having lived.

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#### JOHN REAGAN HADLEY.

The interests which constituted the foundation for the activities of John Reagan Hadley are many, so that he has become well known as a lawyer, oil producer and philanthropist. He is a man of determined character who carries forward to successful completion well formulated plans and purposes, and his sound judgment precludes false moves and unwarranted risk. Mr. Hadley came to the southwest from Indiana, his birth having occurred on a farm in Hendricks



county, December 10, 1805. His father, Atlas Hadley, was born in Indiana and devoted his life to the occupation of farming. He married Elizabeth Reagan and they celebrated their golden wedding two years ago. Since then the father has passed away but the mother still occupies the old homestead. They were members of the Society of Friends or Quakers, and were most highly esteemed in the community where they made their home. To them were born eight children, of whom five are living.

John Reagan Hadley was educated in the Quaker schools of Indiana, attending Earlham College at Richmond, Indiana. He afterward took up the profession of teaching and for three years was principal of a high school in Indiana, but regarded this merely as an initial step to other professional labors, it being his desire to become a member of the bar. He therefore made arrangements to read law under the direction of Judge John V. Hadley, afterward chief justice of the supreme court of Indiana, and was admitted to the bar in 1889. He practiced in Gas City and in Marion, Indiana, until 1903, and for nine years filled the office of city attorney, making a most creditable record, as is indicated by his long continuance in the position. In 1909 he removed to Kansas City, Missouri, spending a year there and then made his way to the Cushing oil field at the time of the boom in that locality. He located there and became prominent and influential as a citizen of Cushing. He organized the Commercial Club, of which he became first secretary, and afterward director and officer. He was also prominent in the practice of law and was elected president of the Cushing Bar Association. Since coming to Tulsa he has attained membership in the Tulsa County Bar Association, enjoying the high regard, confidence and respect of all of his professional colleagues and contemporaries. Keenly interested in the oil development of the state he secured a lease on two acres of school property in the famous Cushing field, on which a small schoolhouse stood. There he drilled an oil well and a year later, by drilling deeper he struck the first sand, drilled a second well and from these two wells produced about three thousand barrels per day for some time, giving to the school board more than fifty thousand dollars in royalties, so that the locality now has a fine big school building on its property, with two hundred and fifty pupils in attendance. Mr. Hadley is also a director and vice president of the Atlas Life Insurance Company of Tulsa, director of the Security State Bank and president of the People's Building and Loan Association. He does not continue as an active representative of the bar, but is giving his attention to his investments, for his operations in the oil field have made him one of the capitalists of this section of the state.

Mr. Hadley was married in 1904 to Miss Alma A. Tilbitts at Marion. They have one daughter, Susannah, now in the Tulsa high school.

Mrs. Hadley is very active in the work of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Hadley took a most helpful interest in the war work and was in philanthropic and charitable activities. Politically he is a pronounced republican and a recognized leader in the ranks of the party in the state, serving as a member of the republican state central committee and as chairman of its credential committee. He was a delegate to the national convention in 1916, was a director of honest elections for and legal adviser of the state republican committee in 1920, and member of the industrial committee of the Chamber of Commerce of Tulsa, and at all times has cooperated heartily in the work of that organization for the benefit and upbuilding of the city, for the extension of its trade relations and the maintenance of its high civic standards. He is vice president and director of the Tulsa Purchasing Agents' Association and a member of the

City Club. He is well known in fraternal circles, having for thirty years been a member of the Knights of Pythias, in which he has filled all of the chairs, serving as a member of the grand lodge in three different states. He likewise belongs to the Masonic lodge, including the Scottish Rite and the Shrine, consistency and chapter. The duties and obligations of life he has ever fully met and has always used his time wisely and well for the benefit, not only of his individual fortunes, but of the community, commonwealth and country.

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### AL BROWN.

One of the substantial business men of Tulsa is Al Brown, who for some years has engaged in the production of oil here, having been attracted to this city by its rapid growth and development as the metropolis of the oil and gas district of Oklahoma. He is a southerner by birth, his native state being Kentucky, and he first saw the light of day on the 23d of July, 1876, in Bowling Green, Warren county, that state. He was the seventh of a family of twelve children born to James W. and Cecilia Honora (Chamagne) Brown, the former being a native of Ireland and the latter of France. Their marriage occurred in Kentucky. James W. Brown lived in Ireland, where he received his education until at the age of fourteen years he came to the United States and located at New Orleans, Louisiana, where he was variously employed for three years. At the end of that time he engaged in the handling of hoop poles and as the result of sound judgment in the conduct of his affairs and by reason of his enterprise and diligence, he soon developed an extensive and profitable business. He purchased stock at points along the Mississippi and Ohio rivers and operated a line of barges by which to transport them to his New Orleans home. His business interests netted him an income of from one hundred and fifty thousand to two hundred thousand dollars a year and he continued along that line for a period of about twelve years. Prior to the Civil war Mr. Brown had made extensive investments in farm land in Warren county, Kentucky, and upon moving onto that land developed a large and prosperous enterprise, taking his place among the substantial agriculturists of the state. He was a man of genuine personal worth and many sterling traits of character and the esteem and regard in which he was held by all with whom he came into contact is well illustrated by the following incident. He kept a corps of more than thirty-five slaves on his plantation and when he offered them their liberty, five of the oldest and most faithful refused to leave, with the result that he continued to care for them, paying them consistent wages, and as it was the custom in those days for slaves to adopt the family name, Mr. Brown readily conceded to the wishes of those of the number who wished to adopt his name. In 1885 the father disposed of his land in the Bluegrass state and removed with his family to Wichita, Kansas, where he engaged in ranging cattle until 1897, after which time he lived virtually retired until his death in 1908, at the age of sixty-nine years. His wife preceded him in death by eight years, she being sixty years of age at the time of her demise. Throughout his life Mr. Brown gave his political endorsement to the democratic party and he was an influential member of that party in Kentucky and Kansas. He was appointed police commissioner of Wichita, Kansas, after the adoption of the commission form of government and was democratic candidate for the state legislature but was defeated by a republican with a small majority. He also served as postmaster at Anness, Sedgwick



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county, Kansas, under the first administration of President Cleveland and as one of the close friends of Governor Llewellyn was a dominant factor in bringing about his nomination. The governor offered him the position of warden at the state penitentiary, but he declined.

The public schools of Wichita, Kansas, afforded Al Brown a preliminary education, which was also continued in the schools of Ft. Scott, that state. At the age of nineteen years, upon the completion of his studies, he became a traveling representative and salesman for the Otto Kuchle Preserving Company, with headquarters at Topeka, Kansas, and Denver, Colorado, and he remained with that concern for about eleven years, winning a substantial amount of success in that connection. His progressiveness, energy and ability won for him constant promotion and at the termination of that period he was made manager of the firm's branch at Oklahoma City. He was active along that line until 1906, when he came to Tulsa and established a residence. For five years he was engaged as city salesman for Ratcliff & Sanders, wholesale grocers, and then entered the insurance and real estate and loan business, building up a most substantial and prosperous enterprise. In 1913 he severed his connections with that business and has since devoted his entire attention to the oil industry, in which he had first become interested in 1907. Mr. Brown is one of the men associated with the opening of the western extension of what is known as the Flatt Rock Pool and was also a dominant factor in opening the oil properties of the Collinsville Pool and the East Glen extension. As an oil producer he has been very successful but he has not confined his activities entirely to that line. He has made heavy investments in Tulsa real estate and his various city holdings have been brought to a wonderful state of improvement. He has erected and sold fifty or more excellent homes in Tulsa, the majority of them being completed in 1914.

In 1895 occurred the marriage of Mr. Brown and Miss Hattie May Gibbs, a native of Mexico, Audrain county, Missouri. To their union four children have been born: James H., whose demise occurred at the age of eight years; Cecilia Honora; Harold Victor; and Helen Louise, her death having occurred at the age of eight years.

The political allegiance of Mr. Brown has always been given to the democratic party and it is well known that he is a stalwart champion of any cause which it espouses, although he has never sought personal preferment as a reward for party fealty. Fraternally he is a member of the Elks, Tulsa Lodge, No. 946, and likewise holds membership in the Chamber of Commerce. For recreation Mr. Brown turns to outdoor sports and is a baseball fan in particular. He established the Association Baseball Park, which he improved at the cost of several thousand dollars and in this way made it possible for Tulsa to become represented in the Western League. He was owner and first president of the Tulsa Club of this league and is still maintaining an enthusiastic interest in the affairs of that organization.

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#### LYNNE D. BAIRD.

While making a humble start in the business world, Lynne D. Baird has steadily advanced and is today manager of sales with the Superior Tube Company of Tulsa. He has made good use of his time, his talents and his opportunities and as the years have passed his labors have constantly broadened in

scope and importance. He comes to the southwest from Iowa, his birth having occurred in Council Bluffs, that state, on the 8th of January, 1887, his parents being George G. and Laura (Bell) Baird, who were natives of Ohio and Kentucky, respectively. The father was quite active in political affairs, serving as county clerk and in other positions of public honor and trust. He was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church and also a loyal follower of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He died in 1919 and is survived by his widow, who yet makes her home in Council Bluffs. They were the parents of five children, four of whom are living.

At the usual age Lynne D. Baird entered the public schools of his native city and completed the work of consecutive grades, graduating from the high school there. When his textbooks were put aside he engaged in railroad work in a clerical capacity at Omaha, Nebraska, where he spent several years. He then became connected with oil interests by entering the employ of the Oil Well Supply Company of Wyoming, having charge of a store for that corporation at Basin, Wyoming, for three years. He next entered the employ of the Carter Oil Company of Denver, Colorado, where he continued for two years, at the end of which time he secured an interest with the Superior Tube Company and in 1918 came to Tulsa, and has since been sales manager of this company. His long connection with oil interests has made him thoroughly familiar with various phases of the business and what he undertakes he accomplishes, reaching the point of success by direct measures that are at all times resultant.

Mr. Baird belongs to the Petroleum Club and to the Country Club. He is well known in Masonic circles, having membership in Bluff City Lodge, No. 71, A. F. & A. M., and he has also taken the degrees of the York Rite, becoming a member of Mount Lebanon Commandery, No. 11, K. T., at Thermopolis, Wyoming, and also Kalif Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Sheridan, Wyoming. His religious faith is that of the Episcopal church and his life has ever been guided by high and honorable principles, making him a man whom to know is greatly to esteem and respect.

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#### JACOB A. BEARMAN.

Jacob A. Bearman, oil producer of Tulsa, is a native of Reidsville, North Carolina, his birth having occurred in 1879. He later moved to Mullins, South Carolina. In the attainment of his education he completed a high school course and then, attracted by the opportunities for investment in the southwest, he came to Oklahoma in 1905 from Mullins, South Carolina, and settled in the town of Broken Arrow, Tulsa county. Impressed with the natural agricultural advantages in this region he acquired large tracts of land, which he devoted to farming interests. Later he became president of the Broken Arrow Investment Company and through his connection with this enterprise his attention was directed to the oil possibilities of the state. In fact he became one of the pioneers in the development of the rich oil fields in Broken Arrow and is actively connected with the oil business as a producer, enjoying the fascination of the game and willing to take what fortune brings, yet basing his investments and activities upon sound judgment and broad experience, together with the best scientific assistance that can be gained. At the same time he has not forsaken farming and retains his agricultural holdings. He is, however, president of a number of important oil companies, including the Betty Ruth Oil Company, the

Basic Petroleum Corporation and the Staple Oil Company, and is general manager of the Burk Petroleum Corporation, all of Tulsa. He is also associated with many other enterprises in Tulsa, and is a stockholder in these.

On the 3d of June, 1906, Mr. Bearman was married to Miss Alice Talbot, a daughter of William Talbot of Fayette, Missouri, and they have two children, both born in Broken Arrow: Richard, born July 25, 1910; and Agnes, born October 26, 1913.

Mrs. Bearman is a member of the Episcopal church and she is very active in club and social affairs, being a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and the Hyechka and Delphians. Fraternally Mr. Bearman belongs to the Masons, Knights of Pythias, the Odd Fellows and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is likewise a member of the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce, the Petroleum Club of Tulsa, the Auto Club and the Ozark Club. He is a big man physically, mentally and morally, of jovial disposition and very popular wherever known. He possesses wonderful energy and ability and his word is as good as his bond. He is always ready to help the unfortunate and extend a hand where aid is needed and the many sterling qualities which he has displayed in every relation of life mark him as a most valued addition to the citizenship of Tulsa.

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### RICHARD LLOYD JONES.

Richard Lloyd Jones, publisher and editor of the Tulsa Tribune, was born in Janesville, Wisconsin, April 14, 1873, a son of Jenkin Lloyd and Susan C. (Barber) Jones. The father was one of the most eminent preachers of Chicago, not only because of his pulpit work but also because of the active part which he took in meeting sociological and economic conditions affecting the general welfare. Both he and his wife have passed away.

In the acquirement of his education Richard Lloyd Jones spent five years as a student in the Universities of Wisconsin and Chicago, pursuing special courses, and later he matriculated in the Chicago Law School, from which he was graduated with the LL. B. degree in 1897, while the Master of Laws degree was conferred upon him in 1898. In 1918 Lincoln Memorial University at Cumberland Gap, Tennessee, of which institution he was for eight years a trustee, conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. Throughout his life he has been identified with newspaper publication. He was editor of the Stamford (Conn.) Telegram in 1899 and in 1900 became special editorial writer of the Washington Times, so continuing until 1902. He was next associate editor of the Cosmopolitan Magazine in 1902-3 and in the latter year became associate editor of Collier's Weekly, remaining in active connection with that publication until 1911. For eight years thereafter he was editor and owner of the Wisconsin State Journal, published at Madison, and in November, 1919, he became publisher and editor of the Tulsa Tribune. He is most widely known in editorial circles throughout the country and his prominence in this connection rivals his father's eminence in the ministerial field.

On the 30th of April, 1907, in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, Mr. Jones was married to Georgia Hayden, a daughter of H. H. Hayden, a noted lawyer. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have become parents of three children: Richard Lloyd, Jr., Jenkin Lloyd and Florence Lloyd.

In his political views Mr. Jones is a democrat. He founded the Lincoln

Farm Association in 1906, which preserved Lincoln's birthplace as a national park and erected there the Lincoln memorial and is still in charge of it as commissioner under the department of war. From 1911 until 1919 he was chairman of the board of visitors of the University of Wisconsin. He is a member of four New York city clubs: the Players, the City, the National Arts, and the Phi Gamma Delta Clubs. His religious faith is that of the Unitarian church. His interest in public affairs is manifest in many tangible ways, not the least of which is his endorsement through the columns of his paper of all those projects and plans which have to do with the city's upbuilding and with the welfare of state and country.

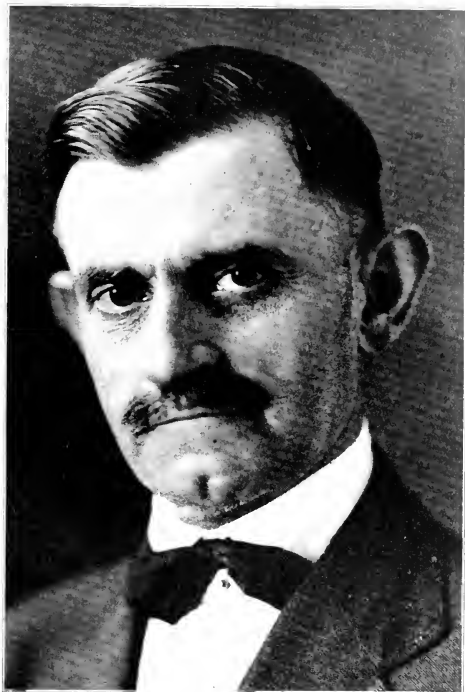
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#### WASHINGTON E. HUDSON.

Twenty-eight years have passed since Washington E. Hudson was admitted to the bar and in the intervening period he has won prominence as a trial lawyer, being regarded as one of the leading attorneys of Tulsa. In a profession where advancement depends entirely upon individual merit and ability he has worked his way steadily upward and it was his own efforts that provided the means for his education and enabled him to qualify for law practice. He has ever been actuated by high ideals and dominated by laudable ambition, and his steadfast purpose has carried him forward to the goal of professional success. He dates his residence in Oklahoma from 1902, coming to this state from Tennessee. He was born October 8, 1872, in Neely's Bend, Davidson county, Tennessee, near Nashville, and is descended from English ancestry, the family having been founded in America in colonial days, while representatives of the name served in the American army in the war for independence. His parents were Horatio and Annie (Schooler) Hudson, both of whom were natives of Kentucky. They became parents of three children. Mr. and Mrs. Horatio Hudson were among the early residents of Neely's Bend, Tennessee, and there the father passed away in 1882, leaving a widow and three children, of whom Washington E. was the eldest, and still a young lad. His younger brother was Isaac, who passed away at the age of twenty-seven years, while the sister, Mary, died at the age of twenty-five. After several years of widowhood the mother married again and her death occurred in 1911. The only surviving child of her second marriage is Mrs. Herbert Talbot, now residing in Nashville, Tennessee.

Washington E. Hudson pursued his early education in the public schools of Neely's Bend and desirous of gaining broad knowledge as a preparation for life's practical and responsible duties, he utilized every opportunity to continue his education. After a time he entered the Woolwine Training school at Nashville, Tennessee, where he remained a student for a year, and later continued his studies in the South Kentucky College at Hopkinsville, Kentucky, in which he completed a regular four years' course in two years, being graduated on the 8th of June, 1890, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He had applied himself with great thoroughness and persistence to his studies, so that he managed to complete the course in a notably short space of time. At the Vanderbilt University at Nashville, Tennessee, he became actively affiliated with the Sigma Epsilon Alpha fraternity. Attracted toward the practice of law as a life work, he became an employe in the office of George K. Whitworth, clerk of the chancery court at Nashville, and this constituted his initial step toward his professional career. He afterward began the study of law in the office of De Moss & Malone, attor-





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neys of Nashville, and in the following autumn matriculated as a student in Vanderbilt University of that city. His previous law study and his close application enabled him to complete the three years' course in one year, and he was graduated in June, 1892, with the LL. B. degree. Immediately afterward he was admitted to the bar and entered upon practice in Nashville, where he soon gave demonstration of his ability in the trial of cases and also as a counselor. The excellent qualities he displayed in his initial practice secured for him the appointment of assistant, from Robert Vaughn, the district attorney, and he remained in that office for seven years, gaining valuable experience in all phases of legal work. The supreme court of Tennessee declared that he was the ablest indictment draftsman in the state—this statement being due to the fact that during his seven years of service as an assistant to the district attorney not a single error was found in any indictment drawn by him. He resigned his position at Nashville in 1902, after having served as the youngest assistant district attorney in the state, and made his way westward because of his health.

Mr. Hudson has been connected with Oklahoma since May, 1902, at which time he took up his abode in Lawton, the county seat of Comanche county, and there he served as assistant county attorney for two years. Moreover, he took an active part in organizing the democratic forces in that part of the state, which had formerly been the Kiowa and Comanche Indian reservation that had been opened to settlement in 1901. He continued in law practice in Lawton until the year of Oklahoma's admission to the Union, and then removed to Frederick, Tillman county, where he remained until 1912. In the latter year he became a resident of Tulsa, where he has since made his home, and through the intervening period has become a most prominent lawyer, closely associated with practice that has had to do with the development of the oil and gas interests of the state. In fact he is accounted one of the foremost trial lawyers of Oklahoma. His handling of a case is always full and comprehensive, his reasoning clear, his deduction sound and logical, and the court records bear testimony to the many important legal battles which he has won.

At Hopkinsville, Kentucky, on the 8th of May, 1894, Mr. Hudson was married to Miss Annie Dade, representative of one of the distinguished families of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Hudson have become parents of two children: Bessie, who married Sidney S. Smith of Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Robert, who is in his second year at Vanderbilt University. The family is prominent socially.

Politically Mr. Hudson has always been a stalwart democrat and a recognized leader in the ranks of his party, since coming to Oklahoma. In 1914, without solicitation on his part, he was made a candidate for the state legislature and was elected to the fifth general assembly, serving in 1915 and 1916. During the fifth session of the house he was one of the leading candidates for the speakership, but before the end of the contest withdrew in favor of the Hon. Alexander McCrory, who was elected. Mr. Hudson was appointed chairman of the committee on oil and gas, and was the author of several bills that were designed to remedy many unjust conditions existing in the oil fields. As an earnest supporter of the administration of Governor Williams he did his part in fostering legislation insuring retrenchment and reform. He was also selected from the general assembly as one of a committee of three to draw articles of impeachment against A. P. Watson, one of the corporation commissioners of the state, and after the articles were presented to the house of representatives he was chosen one of the prosecutors of Mr. Watson, who was most ably defended by a firm of prominent lawyers, but Mr. Hudson and his colleagues so presented the case that Mr. Watson was impeached, under several of the impeachment

charges. It was practically left to Mr. Hudson to sum up the evidence in the case and it is the consensus of opinion of all who heard his speech that it was one of the most powerful and brilliant speeches ever made in the state of Oklahoma.

Aside from his activity in the political field Mr. Hudson was a charter member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks in Nashville, Tennessee, and now belongs to the Knights of Pythias of Tulsa. He is also actively identified with the Tulsa County and Oklahoma State Bar Associations, and is a valued representative of the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce. In fact, the city numbers him among its prominent and honored residents, while his professional position is a most enviable one.

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### EUGENE LORTON.

Eugene Lorton, publisher and owner of the Tulsa Daily World, was born near Middletown, Missouri, May 28, 1869. His father, R. R. Lorton, a native of Missouri, pioneered in Texas and Kansas, and was actively identified with development of the south and west, devoting his life to farming and stock raising.

After finishing the course in the common schools of Missouri and Kansas, Eugene Lorton started out in the business world by serving an apprenticeship at the printer's trade in Medicine Lodge, Kansas. He then tried railroading, but a jolt from a freight car in Kansas City discouraged this line of endeavor, and after recovering from the accident he went to Idaho territory, where he published weekly papers in Salubria, Emmett and Boise. In 1896 he returned to Kansas and purchased the Linn County Republic at Mound City. In 1900 he moved to the state of Washington, where he became actively interested in politics and the newspaper business. He became managing editor of the Walla Walla Daily Union and was the founder of the Walla Walla Daily Bulletin. Upon the election of Governor Cosgrove, whose campaign he managed, he was appointed chairman of the state board of control. The only other political office he ever held was mayor of Mound City, Kansas. In 1916 he was a member of the finance committee of the Republican National Committee.

In the fall of 1911 he purchased an interest in the Tulsa Daily World and in 1917 became sole owner. Whatever success has come to the World is due to his progressive policies, his decided views on all public questions and independent thought and action.

Mr. Lorton is an Episcopalian in religious faith, an Elk, a Mason and a Shriner, and is a member of the City Club.

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### WILLIAM JAMES KIRKWOOD.

William James Kirkwood, numbered among Tulsa's oil producers and by reason of his activity in the oil industry classed with those men who are the real builders and promoters of the commonwealth, was born in Westmoreland, Pennsylvania, May 17, 1855, and is a son of James and Lucetta (Laughfer) Kirkwood, the former a native of Pennsylvania, and one of a family of eleven children. The grandfather came to the new world from Scotland and settled in Pennsylvania. The grandfather in the maternal line came from Germany.

James Kirkwood was a farmer by occupation, following that pursuit in the Keystone state until 1877 and removed to Abilene, Dickinson county, Kansas, where he carried on farming to the time of his retirement from active business life in 1882. He then took up his abode in the city of Abilene, where he continued to make his home until his demise in 1904. His political faith was that of the republican party and his religious faith that of the Presbyterian church. He was a man of very religious nature, untiring in his efforts in behalf of the church work and his influence was widely felt.

William James Kirkwood was the second son of a second marriage and his mother died when he was but five years of age. He had the opportunity of attending school only until he reached the age of twelve, when he left home and as a youth of fourteen began working in the rolling mills at Leechburg, Pennsylvania, where he remained for six months before the family knew where he was. He afterward returned to Parnassus, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in telegraphic work, following this pursuit for a time. He later learned engineering and was employed at different periods as fireman, as engineer and as extra telegraph operator on the Allegany Valley Railroad until 1877. In that year he entered the employ of the United Pipe Line Company as a gauger in Pennsylvania. His knowledge of telegraphy and machinery made him able to fill various responsible positions and he was made extra engineer and operator for the United Pipe Line Company, acting in that capacity for a period of eight years.

It was in 1884 that Mr. Kirkwood arrived in Abilene, Kansas, where he secured a position on the police force, being appointed to the office of chief. In that connection he made a record of which any man could be proud. Those who know him speak of him as a bright, clean, energetic man, who is a force for good in the world. He continued a representative of the police department for five years, during which time Abilene had a reputation as a cattle town and all of the gun men of the country were there. There would have been an era of crime and lawlessness had not the police force been thoroughly organized and ready to cope with the situation, Mr. Kirkwood contributing in large measure to the maintenance of law and order. In 1889 he returned to the oil game, as he felt that he had served long enough as police officer. He then went to Pennsylvania and organized the Kirkwood Oil Company, operating in Venango county, that state, with good success. In 1890, however, he disposed of his interest in the east and became identified with the Producers & Refiners Company of Oil City, Pennsylvania, building stations, iron tanks and refining stations. While at Oil City, Pennsylvania, he was for two terms councilman of the Ninth Ward and had been reelected for the third term, but left for Marietta, Ohio. He made no solicitation whatever for this position. He became one of the first successful pumpers of refined oil through to the Gulf and with the company remained until 1899, when he went to Marietta, Ohio, with W. H. D. Chapin, general manager of the United States Oil & Gas Company, operating in Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania until 1904. In the latter year Mr. Kirkwood engaged as a producer and contractor on his own account in Ohio and West Virginia. This he followed until 1905, when he went to Kentucky, operating in the oil fields at Campton, Wolfe county. He had charge of the John H. Morgan Company of Lexington, Kentucky, with which corporation he remained until he came to Tulsa in 1907, supervising the drilling done for that corporation. After coming to Oklahoma Mr. Kirkwood was first with W. H. Johnson of the Sagamore Oil Company, in charge of production and field work. Shortly afterward he went to Nowata, Oklahoma, with the firm of Powell & Frazier, who had properties all over that district and whom

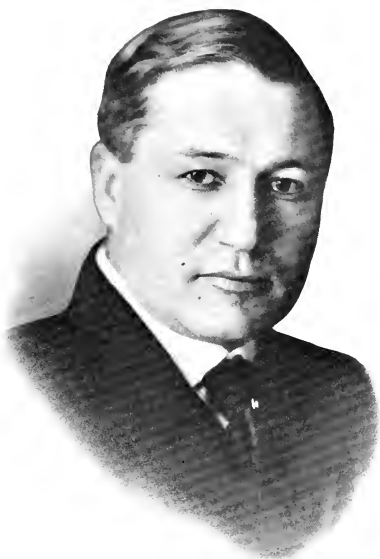
he represented as superintendent. Late in 1908 he became associated with Archie Campbell as senior partner in the firm of Campbell & Kirkwood. He did his own drilling in Nowata and Washington counties, Oklahoma, and in 1910 became associated with H. W. Kennedy, under the style of the Knickerbocker Oil Company of Nowata in the Childers field. Mr. Kennedy was president and Mr. Kirkwood was secretary and treasurer. This company was one of the best producers in the Nowata field. Mr. Kirkwood is now owner of the Pooler Creek Oil & Gas Company of Copan, Oklahoma, also is part owner and manager of oil production in Nowata and Creek counties, known as the Kirkwood & Kennedy properties. He also owns considerable production property in Nowata and Rogers counties, and his possessions include city property. He is likewise a stockholder in several large oil and gas companies aside from those already mentioned.

Mr. Kirkwood was united in marriage to Miss Maude M. Kirkwood, a daughter of James Kirkwood, a very distant relative of the father of William James Kirkwood. To this marriage have been born two children: May, who is the wife of Charles F. Theobald of Nowata, who is superintendent of Mr. Kirkwood's properties and by whom she has a daughter, Ruth Elizabeth; and Charles W., an oil producer of Texas, living, however, in Tulsa. He is married and has one son, Charles Kent. Mr. Kirkwood has always been an athlete, has never had any bad habits and today is an unusually perfect specimen of manhood for his age. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and he is well known in fraternal circles as a Mason, belonging to American Union Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., of Marietta, Ohio; American Union Chapter, No. 1, R. A. M.; Trinity Commandery, No. 20, K. T., of Tulsa; and the Scottish Rite Consistory of Cincinnati. He is likewise identified with Akdar Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Tulsa. Almost his entire life has been spent in the oil fields and his capability and fidelity have been potent forces in winning his steady advancement with various companies and bringing him at length to a place where his activities are a source of substantial income to him and at the same time an element in the state and city's growth and improvement. He has belonged to the Methodist church for forty years and has been on its official board for over twenty years, is now serving on the board of the First Methodist Episcopal church in Tulsa and has also taken an active part in the Sunday school work for over twenty years in Tulsa and other towns in which he has lived.

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#### EDISON E. OBERHOLTZER, M. A., LL. D.

Edison E. Oberholtzer, who for the eighth year is filling the office of superintendent of the public schools in Tulsa, has with marked capability met and discharged the increasing duties that have devolved upon him as the result of the rapid growth and development of the city. University training of a most thorough character well qualified him for the onerous and responsible duties of the profession and his initiative has enabled him to meet the conditions that have arisen through Tulsa's rapid expansion. Mr. Oberholtzer is a native of Indiana, his birth having occurred on a farm in Owen county, near Patricksburg, on the 6th of May, 1880. His father, Augustus Oberholtzer, was born in Holmes county, Ohio, and became a mill contractor and lumber mill worker. A life of activity was brought to its close when in October, 1894, he passed away at Harrison House, Indiana, at the age of fifty-two years. He belonged to the Presbyterian church and was very active in its work. He wedded Mary A.



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Collins, born in Hardin county, Kentucky, who first united with the Methodist Episcopal church and later with the United Brethren church. They had a family of eleven children, five sons and six daughters.

Nothing in the early youth of Professor Oberholtzer foreshadowed his future career as one of the prominent educators of this state. He attended the district schools and afterward the high school of Clay City, Indiana, and then became a student in Westfield College at Westfield, Illinois, where he studied in 1895-96. He was afterward graduated from the Indiana State Normal School at Terre Haute in 1906, with the Bachelor of Arts degree and received the degree of B. L. from Lincoln-Jefferson University, while his work in the University of Chicago won him the Ph. B. degree in 1910 and the Master of Arts degree in 1915. He has completed considerable work toward the Doctor's degree at the University of Chicago and in Columbia University of New York, and on the 31st of May, 1921, the degree of LL. D. was conferred upon him by the University of Tulsa. To a reporter for *Tulsa School Life*, President J. M. Gordon of the University of Tulsa said: "To my mind there are two things necessary for an honor of this kind to have its fullest weight. In the first place, the institution conferring the degree must have been exceedingly careful and sparing in its bestowal of honors, lest they become commonplace. In the entire twenty-six years of the history of Henry Kendall College only two men have had an honorary degree conferred upon them by the institution, and in each case the degree Doctor of Divinity was given. The other thing is that for an honor of this or any other kind to bring its fullest satisfaction it must come unsought. I happen to know very definitely that in this case there was never a suggestion either directly or indirectly from your superintendent that this be done. The University of Tulsa is happy because at its first commencement it is able to give definite recognition for the great system of public schools in Tulsa and to honor the man who is largely responsible for the fine work that is being done."

Long before pursuing his university courses Mr. Oberholtzer had entered upon the profession of teaching, taking up that work in Indiana in 1898, when in his nineteenth year. He has devoted twenty-three years to teaching, being first engaged as an instructor in Clay county, Indiana, from 1899 until 1903. During the following two years he acted as superintendent of schools at Carbon, Indiana, and in 1906 became a teacher in the department of mathematics in the Indiana State Normal School at Terre Haute. From 1907 until 1909 he served as supervising principal of the Terre Haute public schools, while in 1910 he was made district superintendent of public schools at Evansville, Indiana, and during the years 1911 and 1912 acted as public school superintendent at Clinton, Indiana. In 1913 he came to Tulsa to accept the position of superintendent of the city schools. Here he has since remained and has done a splendid work in the upbuilding and development of the public schools of the city, being recognized not only as an educator of great ability but as a splendid executive. He has thoroughly organized the work under his direction and, moreover, he inspires teachers and pupils under him with much of his own zeal and enthusiasm. He belongs to the National Education Association and is its director for the state of Oklahoma. He is also a member of the council of the National Education Association and through his connection with this organization and through private study and investigation is constantly seeking out new methods which will add to the effectiveness and value of the work of the Tulsa schools.

When Mr. Oberholtzer took charge of the Tulsa city schools in 1913 there was an enrollment of four thousand eight hundred and forty-two pupils. In 1921 this number totals fifteen thousand and eighty-two, an increase of over three hundred

per cent. This trebling of the school population has made necessary a similar increase in school buildings and in the teaching force, the development of a business system and the organization of a supervisory and administrative force. Since he has had charge of the city schools a strong home economics department, manual training, kindergarten, art, music, physical training, and health departments have become permanent features of the school system. Junior high schools, departmentalized work in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades, a four-year schedule and twelve months pay for teachers and an all-year school for pupils who need extra time, have been permanently established.

On the 26th of March, 1899, Dr. Oberholtzer was married to Miss Myrtle May Barr, a native of Indiana and a daughter of James F. and Louisa Barr. They are the parents of three children: Kenneth E., sixteen years of age, now a student in the University of Illinois; Esther A., fourteen years of age; and Edison E., Jr., a lad of four summers.

Dr. Oberholtzer finds his recreation in the out-of-doors and he is connected with the City Club as one of its board of governors, while of the Young Men's Christian Association he is a director. He is likewise a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and a member of Akdar Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He likewise holds membership with the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is serving on the board of stewards of the First Methodist Episcopal church. An eminent American statesman has said: "In all this world the thing supremely worth having is the opportunity, coupled with the capacity, to do well and worthily a piece of work the doing of which shall be of vital significance to mankind." The opportunity and capacity have been and are his and the splendid school system of Tulsa stands as the monument to his high standards and his activity in his chosen field.

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#### WAITE PHILLIPS.

Waite Phillips was born in Conway, Iowa, January 19, 1883, his parents being Lewis F. and Lucinda (Faucett) Phillips, and acquired a public school education there, after which he attended the Normal College of Shenandoah, Iowa. On the 30th day of March, 1909, Mr. Phillips was married to Miss Genevieve Elliott of Knoxville, Iowa, and they are parents of a daughter and son: Helen Jane and Elliott.

Mr. Phillips' first business experience was gained in Knoxville, Iowa, where he was employed by the Hawkeye Coal Company and afterwards by the Rex Coal & Mining Company. His residence in Oklahoma dates from 1906, in which year he settled in Bartlesville and there he became associated with his brothers, Frank and L. E. Phillips, in the oil business. Through the intervening period he has given his attention to all phases of this enterprise. In 1915 he began operations as an individual oil producer and has met with very substantial success in the conduct of his interests. He now owns some of the most valuable producing properties in the mid-continent field and is also successfully engaged in transporting, refining and marketing petroleum products. In addition to his activities in the oil business Mr. Phillips owns and manages a large stock ranch near Denver, Colorado, where his family spend the summer months. So rapidly has he advanced that his rise partakes of the spectacular, yet an analysis of his career shows that his progress has resulted from keen discrimination, sound judgment and indefatigable energy. He formulates his plans carefully and is

determined in their execution and as the years have passed he has come to be ranked with the prominent oil producers of Oklahoma and is classed with the representative business men of Tulsa, where he resides.

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### WILLIAM DEAN SHEDDEN.

Among Tulsa's most prominent, enterprising and successful business men are those who are operating in the oil fields of the mid-continent district. Of this number is William Dean Shedden, who since 1909 has concentrated his attention upon the oil game. He was born on a farm near Shawnee, in Johnson county, Kansas, April 6, 1879, his birthplace being one of the typical log cabins of the frontier. His father, Clarence Russell Shedden, was born in Washingtonville, Montour county, Pennsylvania, January 2, 1854, and was a son of Andrew R. and Elizabeth Jane (Dean) Shedden. Clarence R. Shedden after reaching adult age wedded Mary Jane Tweed, who was born July 3, 1853, and both traced their ancestry back to Revolutionary times. The great-grandfather Tweed was a merchantman during the War of 1812 and it was a member of the Tweed family who established the first state paper in Pennsylvania. James Montgomery Shedden, born August 12, 1744, became the owner of large land holdings in Virginia and died August 13, 1817. Clarence Russell Shedden, father of William D. Shedden, removed westward to Michigan in young manhood and in 1876 became a resident of Kansas, where he purchased lands and made his home until 1886. He then removed to Kansas City, Missouri, and became identified with D. M. Edgerton in building the first street railway tunnel on Eighth street. He also ran the first train and collected the first fare. The company built the viaduct and railroad connecting the two Kansas Cities, and after some years' connection with street railway operations in Kansas City, Mr. Shedden, in 1891, returned to his farm in Johnson county, Kansas, where he owned one of the finest farms and the best stock in that section of the country. He was a most enterprising and progressive man and his advice was frequently sought upon business affairs and matters of public concern. His upright life gained for him the respect of all and was in consistent harmony with his profession as a member and elder of the Presbyterian church. In politics he was a republican and his fellow townsmen, appreciating his worth and ability, frequently called him to public office.

William D. Shedden obtained a public school education in Kansas City, Missouri, and afterward worked his way through Park College at Parkville, that state. He devoted two years to teaching and became principal of the schools of Edgerton, Kansas. In 1900 he turned his attention to the life insurance business at Topeka, Kansas, and later went to Kansas City, where he was general agent for the Franklin Life Insurance Company. In 1909 he went east and settling in Philadelphia there became engaged in the oil business, leasing and operating. He made valuable associations with eastern capitalists and as a result has operated in Indiana and Illinois. He is an independent operator and in 1913 came to Tulsa, since which time he has directed his efforts in the mid-continent oil fields.

Mr. Shedden turns to hunting and fishing for recreation. He is a member of the Petroleum Club and while in Gardner, Kansas, became a member of the Masonic lodge and the Eastern Star and afterward joined the Royal Arch chapter and Knights Templar Commandery at Great Bend, Kansas, while at Salina, Kansas, he became a member of the Mystic Shrine. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church and he is ever most loyal to any cause which he espouses.

Those who know him recognize that his promise is as good as his bond and that what he says he will do. He is dependable as well as energetic and by reason of his sterling qualities has been able to form associations that have brought him to the front in connection with the oil development of the country.

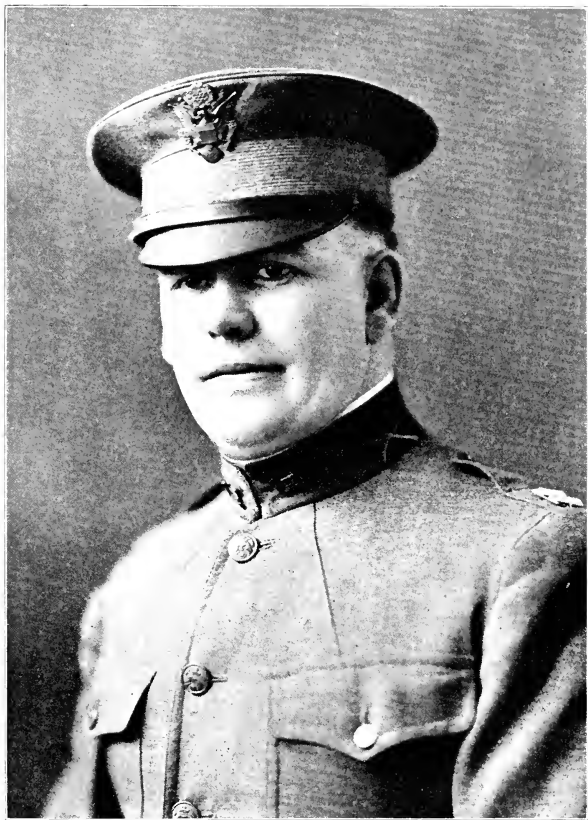
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### MAJOR CHARLES WILLIAM DALEY.

Major Charles William Daley of the inspectors general department of the Oklahoma National Guard and inspector of the police department of Tulsa, was born February 6, 1884, in New York city, his parents being Charles and Margaret (O'Neil) Daley, both of whom were natives of Ireland. After coming to the United States the father won prominence in athletic circles in connection with baseball, handball and other sports. He passed away in 1888.

Major Daley spent his early boyhood days in a convent school at West Chester, New York, there remaining to the age of eleven years. When twelve years of age he ran away from home and afterward attended St. Rose's school at Lima, Ohio. While in that state he served a term of enlistment in the Ohio National Guard. He was always fond of athletics, played football and boxed and became in time a professional athlete. In this connection he has traveled all over the United States. He has likewise always been a lover of horses and is a splendid rider and in 1904 was at the St. Louis Exposition with Zach Mulhall's rough riders. At a subsequent period he went to Denver, Colorado, where he was a professional boxer, fighting at one hundred and thirty-three pounds. From the age of twelve years he has been dependent on his own resources and whatever success he has achieved or enjoyed is attributable entirely to his own capability. From Denver he came to Oklahoma and was engaged in the cigar business at Nowata from 1908 until 1911. In the latter year he removed to Tulsa, where he established and conducted business under the name of the C. W. Daley Cigar Company. His trade steadily grew and from time to time he established branches, having cigar stands at Third and Boston and in the Palace, the Daniel, Exchange National Bank, and the Cosden buildings. He is still actively engaged in the cigar business, enjoying an extensive patronage along that line.

When Company C, of the National Guard, was organized in June, 1916, he was the first man to enlist, but when the regiment reached Fort Sill, a physical disability prevented him from going farther. However, when the Home Guard of Tulsa was organized he was again the first man to enlist and served in the Home Guard as a private, as sergeant, as first sergeant and as sergeant major. The Home Guard was a training school for those who entered the Federal service and after the men who had been thus trained reached camp they made such excellent record that camp commanders from the various draft camps wrote letters of congratulations to the officers of the Tulsa Home Guard. The men in the latter organization served without pay and purchased their own equipment. While the draft was in force Major Daley, in spite of the fact that he had an extensive business to care for, was before the draft board and asked to be taken in place of young men who were working for him that had others dependent upon them. When B Company and C company of the Tulsa Home Guard were consolidated Major Daley became a second lieutenant in February, 1918. When a company was raised and became a part of the second Regiment of the Oklahoma Guard, August 31, 1918, Major Daley was promoted to first lieutenant of Company C of the Second Regiment Oklahoma National Guard. The 31st of Jan-



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uary, 1918, brought him promotion to the captaincy. In order to obtain his commission in the Second Regiment of the Oklahoma National Guard it was necessary for him, at his own expense, to undergo a dangerous and expensive operation. All this time he had been engaged in the cigar business, but sold his various stands, save one, in order that he might give his time to military affairs. He was likewise one of the Four-Minute men and spoke on many occasions in order to inform the public on the real issues of the war and the conditions brought about thereby. He raised and organized three companies at Tulsa, one each at Sapulpa and Claremore and for seven months was engaged on recruiting duty. On the 18th of August, 1920, he was promoted to the rank of major of infantry, commanding the Second Battalion, but upon the recommendation of Adjutant General C. F. Barrett and the examining board composed of regular army officers he was made a major in the inspectors general department of the Oklahoma National Guard. He has been very active in all affairs pertaining to the National Guard and was in charge of the guard while on duty in connection with the strikes in Coalgate and Henryetta. On the 4th of May, 1920, he was appointed inspector of the Tulsa police department, with the rank of assistant chief. His life has thus largely been given to public service and the value of his labor has been widely acknowledged.

In politics Major Daley is a democrat when national questions and issues are involved, but at local elections casts an independent ballot and he put into effect civil service in connection with the police department. He belongs to the Catholic church and for his services in connection with raising funds for the building of the Holy Family church he was presented with a loving cup by Rt. Rev. Bishop Merschak of Oklahoma City. He also belongs to the Knights of Columbus and for four years was district deputy, but refused further advancement because of his military duties during the war. However, he has been one of the foremost workers in the Tulsa Council, holding every office in the local organization. He likewise belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the nature of his interest and activities is further indicated in the fact that he is a member of the Rotary Club, the City Club and the Chamber of Commerce.

Major Daley was married in Arkansas City, Kansas, to Miss Louise Embhoff and since 1911 has made his home in Tulsa, where he is widely known. He stands loyally by his convictions on any question, is a man fearless in defense of what he believes to be right and has always maintained high standards of citizenship, while his service to his country during the World war at a sacrifice of his personal interests marks him one hundred per cent American.

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#### JAMES M. BERRY.

In the year 1907, James M. Berry became one of the organizers of the Central National Bank of Tulsa, and has since been one of its officers, filling the position of vice president at the time of this writing in 1921. While the record of a successful business man is less spectacular than that of a political leader or a military commander, it is not the less essential and not the less valuable. Banking institutions have been called the heart of the commercial body indicating the healthfulness of trade. The safe conservative policy ever followed by the Central National Bank has made it one of the strong financial institutions of Oklahoma and its continued growth and development is attributable in large measure to the business ability and sound judgment of Mr. Berry, who had

devoted the major part of his time to banking since he made his initial step in the business world.

He was born in Giles county, Tennessee, December 27, 1861, and is a son of the Rev. Harrison and Margaret (Hudson) Berry. The mother passed away at the age of thirty-seven years. The father was born and reared in the state of Illinois, belonging to one of the old pioneer families there. He prepared for the medical profession and for a number of years engaged in practice in his native state. He afterward removed to Nashville, Tennessee, and became publisher of a newspaper but eventually entered the ministry of the Cumberland Presbyterian church and continued a faithful preacher of the gospel for many years. He passed away at the venerable age of eighty-two, his memory remaining as a blessed benediction to all who knew him. In the family were but two children, the elder son being William H., now residing in Aurora, Missouri.

James M. Berry after attending the public schools of Tennessee and Kentucky, continued his education in the Sulphur Well College of Metcalf county, Kentucky, and in 1878 took up the profession of teaching in the schools of Kansas. During 1879-80 he was a teacher in the schools of Anderson county, Kansas, and following his removal to Cherryvale, Montgomery county, he entered the employ of the Exchange Bank, with which he remained from 1881 until 1887, thus gaining his initial experience in connection with the banking business and laid the foundation for his later success. He afterward became a cashier of the First National Bank of Oswego, Labette county, Kansas, where he continued until 1895 and then resigned to accept the position of cashier in the Bank of Seneca, Newton county, Missouri. He disposed of his interests in the latter state in 1906, and in the spring of 1907 became associated with J. G. McGannon in organizing the Central National Bank of Tulsa, then a small but growing town. With keen sagacity he recognized something of what the future had in store for the city and resolved to cast in his lot with the rapidly developing place. He became a cashier of the new bank and in March, 1912, was chosen vice president. Throughout the intervening years he has given his attention to administrative direction and executive control, being the real head of the bank, directing the policy that dominates its affairs. That this policy is a safe and conservative one and yet does not hamper progressiveness is indicated in the continuous growth of the institution, which is today recognized as one of the strong financial concerns of the southwest.

On the 23d of July, 1884, at Horse Cave, Kentucky, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Berry and Miss Maude Isabelle Murray. They became parents of five children, but two have passed away, William having died at the age of twenty years, while Harold died in infancy. The surviving members of the family are Ralph H., who is now assistant of his father in the bank; Robert G. and James K.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Berry hold membership in the First Presbyterian church to the support of which they contribute liberally, while in its work they take an active part, doing everything in their power to promote the growth of the church and extend its influence. Mr. Berry gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and keeps well informed on the question and issues of the day. He never neglects the duties of citizenship yet he never seeks nor desires public office, preferring to concentrate his efforts and attention upon his business affairs. He is one of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce of Tulsa and has cooperated in its well defined plans for the improvement of the city and the advancement of its civic standard. He supports many philanthropic and benevolent projects and during the World war was very active in all work



that pertained to the welfare of the soldiers in camp and field. He served on many boards, and his labors were effective forces in promoting war activities. He belongs to various clubs and fraternal organizations and is widely known and popular. An unfailing courtesy is manifest in all his relations with his fellow-men, at the same time he is forceful and resourceful in all that he undertakes, moving steadily to his objective and accomplishing his end by methods that neither seek nor require disguise. His entire course has been a constructive one not only in the upbuilding of his own fortunes but in the business development of Tulsa.

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### CHARLES ROBERT PORTER.

Charles Robert Porter, the treasurer of the United States Compression Inner Tube Company, with factory and general offices in Tulsa, was born in Jacksonville, Alabama, on the 3d of January, 1874. His father, John Montgomery Porter, was also a native of Jacksonville, and was well known in that state as a planter and sawmill operator. He faithfully followed the teachings of Masonry and was a devoted member of the Presbyterian church to the time of his death. He married Laura Van Zandt, who was born in Calhoun county, and they became the parents of five children.

Charles Robert Porter pursued his education in the Jackson State Normal School and in the University of Maryland, from which he was graduated in 1895, with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He entered the manufacturing business in connection with D. W. Curry at Rome, Georgia, and became the president of the Porter Brothers' Farm Corporation of Cedartown, Georgia, owning a ranch of eight thousand acres in that state. He is now largely giving his attention to his ranch and orchard in north Georgia, also to his oil interests in Oklahoma. Since coming to Tulsa in 1918 Mr. Porter has also been interested in the oil business, and is now vice president of the McLann Oil & Gas Company, with holdings in Oklahoma and Texas. In fact he has become interested in many business enterprises, all of which have profited both by his cooperation and support, owing to his enterprise and progressive business methods, his wide vision and his keen sagacity in relation to business affairs. He owns control in the largest commercial apple orchard in the southeast, seven hundred acres in apples, besides the ranch, with whitefaced cattle and pure bred Duroc hogs. Porter & Davis are the largest planters in Lowndes county, Georgia, near Valdosta, Georgia. They raise peanuts, beans, hogs and cattle. Mr. Porter gives about half his time to manufacturing and oil interests at Tulsa and the rest to the farms.

At the time of the Spanish-American war Mr. Porter responded to the country's call for troops and joined the navy, being on active duty in the West Indies on the U. S. S. Puritan, and remained in the service until his military aid was no longer needed.

On the 16th of December, 1903, Mr. Porter was united in marriage to Miss Lula M. Curry of Rome, Georgia, the youngest daughter of D. W. Curry of that place. They have one child: David Curry Porter. Mr. Porter is well known in Masonic circles, belonging to Oostanella Lodge, No. 113, A. F. & A. M. He has taken the degrees of both the York and Scottish Rites and is a life member of McAlester Consistory and of Akdar Temple of the Mystic Shrine. The nature of his interests and activities are further indicated in the fact that he has membership in the Chamber of Commerce of Tulsa, also United States Chamber of

Commerce, and cooperates in all its activities for the city's advancement. He belongs to the Petroleum Club of Tulsa, to the Capital City Club of Atlanta, Georgia, and in all the various organizations with which he is connected enjoys the highest regard of his associates. His political allegiance has always been given to the democratic party and his religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church. Aside from his club and lodge connections he finds recreation and diversion in his agricultural and horticultural pursuits. He loves farming and apple culture and had made wonderful success along those lines. He is a high type of a southern gentleman and of the alert, progressive business man, and Tulsa counts him a valued addition to her citizenship.

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#### GEORGE S. RAMSEY.

George S. Ramsey, attorney at law of Muskogee and Tulsa, early evinced extraordinary ability as a lawyer—fine perception, excellent memory and great industry, and with these qualities as a foundation he has built a substantial superstructure of success in his chosen profession. He was born in Viola, Tennessee, August 18, 1874, a son of George W. and Elizabeth (King) Ramsey, both natives of Warren county, Tennessee. George W. Ramsey was a farmer by occupation and at the time of the Civil war served with the Confederate army. He belonged to the Christian church and died in the year 1912. His widow is still living and makes her home in Muskogee, Okla. In their family were four children, three of whom survive.

George S. Ramsey obtained his early education in the common schools and pursued his law studies in the office and under the direction of Captain George W. Cross, being admitted to the bar in 1896 at Manchester, Tennessee. He opened an office in that city and there continued in practice until January, 1905, when he removed to Muskogee. There he formed a law partnership with N. A. Gibson and on the dissolution of that firm in 1908 he became senior partner in the firm of Ramsey & Thomas. This connection was maintained until the death of Mr. Thomas in 1914, after which the firm of Ramsey & de Meules was formed. This developed into the firm of Ramsey, de Meules, Rosser, Martin & King, the firm now (1921) being Ramsey, de Meules, Rosser & Martin, a combination of law talent recognized as preeminent in oil circles. Mr. Ramsey has made his home in Muskogee since coming to Oklahoma. His law work is characterized by great earnestness, by clearness of statement and by logical deduction. He possesses a broad vocabulary and is a fluent and forceful speaker—in fact those who know him well always mention his splendid attainments and the possession of almost all the qualifications of a great lawyer. Called to Tennessee in 1917 to deliver the principal address before the Tennessee Bar Association, he is said to have read one of the finest legal papers ever heard in that state. He belongs to the Muskogee Bar Association, the Oklahoma State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. In 1904 while residing in Tennessee he was nominated by the republican state convention for judge of the court of appeals and led the ticket.

On the 30th of November, 1898, Mr. Ramsey was married to Miss Earline Young, who died in 1918, leaving a daughter, Margaret, seven years of age. On the 4th of January, 1920, Mr. Ramsey wedded Frances Frierson, a native of Tennessee. He has membership in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and also in the Muskogee Town and Country Club, for while practicing in Tulsa, he



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retains his residence in Muskogee. Mr. Ramsey is a most congenial companion. His conversation is always enlivened by wit and apt anecdote and reminiscence. He is a wide reader, keeping well informed on all questions of general interest, and is familiar with the best literature, while his professional standing places him among the eminent lawyers practicing at the Oklahoma bar.

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#### CLARENCE B. DOUGLAS.

Clarence B. Douglas was born in Jefferson City, Missouri, October 19, 1864, a son of George B. and Margaret Ann Douglas. He was married to Annie Van Syckle at Cosmopolis, Washington, in 1889. He moved to Texas in 1876 and in 1884 came to Indian Territory, where he lived until 1889, when he went to Washington Territory, remaining there until 1893. In the latter year he returned to Ardmore, Indian Territory, a city founded by his father. He followed the profession of architecture until 1896 and was then admitted to the bar of the Southern District of Indian Territory. He was elected delegate to represent the white people of Indian Territory before congress by seventeen mass conventions, representing towns, Indian nations, Indian Territory and Oklahoma Territory. During the period from 1893 to 1907, covering thirteen years, he was active in the battle for statehood for Oklahoma. He was with the Dawes Commission in the United States Indian Service at Muskogee in 1900, 1901 and 1902. In 1902 he purchased the "Muskogee Daily and Weekly Phoenix," the only Associated Press paper in Indian Territory, of which he was the editor and publisher for six years. He organized and was captain of Company A, Indian Territory Volunteer Militia, Muskogee, I. T. He organized and was elected colonel of the First Regiment of Indian Territory Volunteer Militia and organized the first military company of Tulsa in 1905. Mr. Douglas was the republican nominee for the United States senate in the first session of the Oklahoma state legislature, being the unanimous choice of all the republican members of the house and senate. He served on the staff of Governor Cruce for four years with the rank of colonel. He served as president of the Indian Territory Press Association and was the first national committeeman from the state of Oklahoma in the National Editorial Association. He was given important commissions by Chief Pleasant Porter, of the Creek Nation; Chief Tom Buffington, of the Cherokee Nation; Chief John Brown, of the Seminole Nation; Chief Douglas Johnson, of the Chickasaw Nation, and Governor Green McCurtain, of the Choctaw Nation, and has held important commissions from Governors C. M. Barnes, Tom Ferguson and Frank Frantz of Oklahoma Territory and from Governors Haskell, Cruce, Williams and Robertson of Oklahoma since statehood. At Muskogee he organized the first Indian congress ever held and was formally adopted by the Pueblo Indians into their tribe and given the title of Honorable Chief, with the Indian name of Oshotawa-Chemushata, meaning "man with hair on his face from the east." He came to Tulsa in 1916 as managing director of the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce. For three years he served as president of the State Association of Commercial Executives. He is the author of "Prominent Men of Indian Territory," "A Book O' Verse" and numerous magazine articles on Indian Territory and Oklahoma. During the World war he was a member of the Tulsa County Council of Defense, food administrator for Tulsa county, president of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Council, captain of the American Protective League, publicity director for the Third Liberty Loan, member of the Four-Minute men and chairman of the Tulsa

Vigilance Committee. He is a member of the Tulsa Advertising Club, the Rotary Club, the Lions' Club, the Automobile Club, the City Club and the Tulsa-Ozark Club. For four years he was national councilor from the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce to the United States Chamber of Commerce and is now president of the Tulsa County Historical Society and editor of *The Tulsa Spirit*.

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### THOMAS JEFFERSON HARTMAN.

Thomas Jefferson Hartman was born at Roaring Springs, Blair county, Pennsylvania, November 23, 1874, being so named by his father, who was a republican in politics as was also Thomas Jefferson Hartman until discussing free silver and protective tariff with his father resulted in a change in his politics. In 1879, when a little lad of five years, he accompanied his parents on their removal to Mitchell county, Kansas, where the family lived in a sod house without a floor and were obliged to fight fleas, bedbugs, prairie wolves and rattlesnakes. The following year they made their way to Cass county, Missouri, where Thomas J. Hartman began his education at the little red schoolhouse. He suffered all the ills that a child is heir to and was vaccinated for smallpox.

In 1882 the Hartman family removed to Linn county, Kansas, on the Marais des Cygnes river, where Thomas learned to swim, fish, and shoot a squirrel's eye out with an old patch ball rifle. There he first learned that he would rather go to school than grub stumps and pile brush on the farm. In 1892 he came with his parents to Oklahoma, his father's principal assets at that time consisting of eight children and some live stock. Thomas Jefferson was then eighteen years of age and felt that he should begin to earn his own living. He left the family fireside and informed the president of the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Stillwater that the world owed him a living. While earning it he graduated from the college in 1898—after he had learned exactly how many copper cents it took to make a silver dollar. He was a member of the board of regents and treasurer of the college from 1901 until Oklahoma was admitted to statehood in 1907. He entered the banking business in 1899, organized the Producers State Bank in 1915 and was president of the Oklahoma Bankers Association in 1912 and 1913. He is a member of the State Banking Board and also a member of the executive committee of the American Bankers Association and a member of the administrative committee of that organization.

Mr. Hartman is also very active in civic affairs and a director of the Chamber of Commerce. He has been very successful as a hunter, having trophies of nearly every kind of big game to be found on the American continent, and it is generally conceded that he is one of the most widely known men in Oklahoma.

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### WILLIAM MERVIN BOVAIRD.

The marvelous development of Tulsa is largely attributable to the development of the oil fields in this section and in connection therewith opportunity has been offered to establish and conduct many successful business enterprises which are today important commercial features in the southwest. With a recognition of the attractiveness of this field and the chances offered for business progress, William Mervin Bovaird has become the secretary-treasurer of the Bovaird

Supply Company, handling oil well supplies, with offices in the Kennedy building in Tulsa. He is an alert, wide-awake and progressive young business man, who already has attained a point of success that many a man of twice his years might well envy. He was born in Bradford, Pennsylvania, May 21, 1890, his parents being William J. and Anna L. (Davis) Bovaird, both of whom are natives of the Keystone state, the mother's birth having occurred in Mercer county. They are now residing at Independence, Kansas, and have reared a family of seven children. Their religious belief is that of the Presbyterian church and in fraternal connections Mr. Bovaird is a Mason.

Having begun his education in the public schools of his native city, W. Mervin Bovaird continued his studies in the high school at Independence, Kansas, having accompanied his parents on their removal to the Sunflower state in early boyhood. He afterward entered the employ of the Bovaird Supply Company in 1909, when a youth of nineteen years, and served that concern in various capacities, thus acquainting himself with the oil well supply business. He continued with the firm until January, 1914, as an employee and was then elected secretary and treasurer of the company to succeed J. P. Flanagan. He came to Tulsa in January, 1914, and throughout the intervening period has been connected with the oil well supply business, having as his patrons many of the leading oil corporations of the southwest. His energy and enterprise have contributed to the steady growth and development of the trade, which is now one of large and gratifying proportions.

Mr. Bovaird has an interesting military chapter in his life history, for he served as a sergeant of Company I of the Forty-fourth Infantry during the World war. He went to Camp Fort Logan, Colorado, was also at Camp Lewis, Washington, and at the Presidio in San Francisco.

Mr. Bovaird is a Mason, belonging to the lodge at Independence, Kansas. He has also taken the degrees of the York and Scottish Rites and is a member of Akdar Temple of the Mystic Shrine and belongs to its patrol. He is likewise a member of the Tulsa Country Club and of the Petroleum Club and his position in the social circles of Tulsa is an enviable one. Moreover, he is recognized as a dynamic force in business affairs, for every opportunity is to him a call to action and the wise use that he has made of his advantages has placed him in a prominent position in connection with those business affairs which have had their root in the development of the oil fields of the state. Mr. Bovaird gives his political allegiance to the republican party, while his religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church.

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#### THOMAS FRANK BIRMINGHAM.

What Tulsa would have been without the oil discoveries of this section it is perhaps impossible to determine. It is definitely known, however, that its growth would have been much slower and less spectacular, for its advancement would have had to depend largely upon the development of the surrounding agricultural district. But when Tulsa "came in" as one of the richest oil fields of the entire country, the change was magical and to this district have come many of the most progressive and enterprising oil men of the United States. Thomas Frank Birmingham is now the president of the Margay Oil Corporation, a business organization which is a credit to the state. If it is true that opportunity knocks but once, he made immediate response to her summons, for since starting out in the business

world his course has been marked by steady progress. He was born in White county, Arkansas, April 6, 1869, but when only three years of age was taken to Texas by his parents, Dr. E. L. and L. C. (Thomas) Birmingham. The father became a physician of Uvalde, Texas, and remained a resident of that state to the time of his death in 1882. He served as a member of the Confederate army during the Civil war and he was always a loyal follower of Masonic teachings. His wife, a native of Arkansas, became the mother of five children, four of whom survive.

Thomas Frank Birmingham, after mastering the branches of learning taught in the public schools of Uvalde, Texas, continued his education in Baylor University of that state. He then initiated his business career by securing a position in a bank at San Antonio, Texas, where he was receiving teller for a short time. He next went to Uvalde, Texas, where he engaged in merchandising for two years and then moved to Wylie, that state, where he remained for a number of years. He was very prominent in commercial circles in Texas and was recognized as one of the men of affairs in that state. In 1913 he came to Tulsa, where he has since resided. He had become identified with the oil industry, however, in Texas seventeen years ago and he is now active as one of the oil producers of the Tulsa fields, being at the head of the Margay Oil Corporation, a company composed of high-class business men engaged in oil production, with large capital and with attractive offices in the new Roberts building at Sixth and Main streets in Tulsa. In addition to Mr. Birmingham the officers are: John I. Taylor, treasurer, who has been a lifelong friend and business associate of Mr. Birmingham; and Arthur H. Maygins, who is now secretary.

In 1889 Mr. Birmingham was united in marriage to Miss Hattie Housewright, of Plano, Texas, a daughter of L. N. Housewright, one of the early settlers of the Lone Star state. Mr. and Mrs. Birmingham have become parents of three children: F. O. died at the age of twenty-one years; E. L., twenty-seven years of age, is now associated with the Margay Oil Corporation. He married Cecil Daniel and has three children: Louis, Frank and Lollidge; the daughter, Elsie, married W. R. Cartwell, of Tulsa.

Fraternally Mr. Birmingham is connected with the Knights of Pythias and with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He largely derives his recreation and diversion from reading and he finds his greatest happiness at his own fireside, his best traits of character being reserved for the home circle.

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#### C. KENNETH ABBOTT.

C. Kenneth Abbott dates his residence in Tulsa from December, 1915, and is prominently known as the manager of the Independent Torpedo Company. Enterprise and progress have brought him prominently to the front in the business circles of this city, yet his attention is by no means confined to business activities. He recognizes his duties and obligations in other connections and finds keen joy in contributing to the happiness of poor children at Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and other times in the year, his humanitarian spirit being one of his marked characteristics. Mr. Abbott is a native of Bowling Green, Ohio. He was born March 1, 1891, a son of Charles E. and Minnie (Cook) Abbott, who were also natives of the Buckeye state. The father, a dry goods merchant, is still active in business at Leipsic, Ohio, and is prominent in connection with local civic affairs, standing at all times for advancement and improvement in





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everything related to the welfare of his city. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church and he and his wife are loyal followers of its teachings.

C. Kenneth Abbott, one of a family of three children, began his education in the public schools of Findlay, Ohio, and passed through consecutive grades to his graduation from high school and from a business college. He was afterwards identified with a large clay pottery company of Findlay, Ohio, for six years, and then became representative of the Independent Torpedo Company of Findlay, Ohio. In this connection he came to Tulsa in December, 1915, acting as western representative of the company, which does an extensive business in the oil district. He is a most alert and energetic young business man, of whom those who know him speak in terms of the highest regard. He is likewise the president of the Associated Tin Company of Ranger, Texas, which has factories in Tulsa. In a business way he seems ready to meet any emergency with the strength that comes from a right conception of things and an habitual regard for what is best in the exercise of human activity.

On the 25th of March, 1916, Mr. Abbott was married to Miss Helen Marvin of Findlay, Ohio, and they have one daughter, Mary Louise. Mr. and Mrs. Abbott have membership in the Methodist church and he is identified with the Elks lodge of Findlay, Ohio. His Christianity is of a most practical character, manifest in his active aid of many philanthropic and civic interests, and one of his personal charities is a gift of a Thanksgiving dinner to poor boys of Tulsa and a Christmas celebration to the children in the Detention Home, when a Christmas tree is prepared and gifts most liberally distributed. Mr. Abbott is a young man of high ideals as well as of marked business ability and is a citizen of whom Tulsa has every reason to be proud.

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### HON. JOHN O. MITCHELL.

Many and varied were the activities which brought John O. Mitchell to the position which he occupied in Tulsa. Here he was known as a most resourceful and forceful business man whose judicious investments and carefully directed interests gained him classification with the capitalists of the state. Moreover, he was regarded as a leading citizen and one whose devotion to the public good was never a matter of question. Many tangible evidences of his interest in the city and in the welfare of the state could be cited and not a little of Tulsa's growth and development is attributable directly to his labors. To him came the honor of serving as the first president of the commission plan of government in Oklahoma, for Tulsa was the first city of the state to adopt this method of municipal management and control. As commission mayor he gave to the city a most business-like and progressive administration, the valuable benefits of which are still felt. He dated his residence here from 1904 and his course was at all times in harmony with the rapid progress and development of the city, whose growth seems almost magical when we remember that at the beginning of the present century Tulsa's population was less than fifteen hundred.

Mr. Mitchell was a native of Dade county, Missouri, his birth having there occurred on the 22d of October, 1858, his parents being DeWitt C. and Nancy (Carey) Mitchell, who were natives of Tennessee. The father was born on the Holston river, not far from Knoxville, Tennessee, in 1833, and he passed away in Missouri in 1880, when but forty-seven years of age. He became a resident of

Dade county in 1855, there casting in his lot with the pioneer settlers who re-claimed that district for the purposes of civilization. His attention was given to farming and stock raising and the careful and wise management of his affairs made him one of the prosperous agriculturists of his community. His political allegiance was given to the republican party, but he never sought the honors nor emoluments of office. At the time of the Civil war, however, his patriotic spirit surmounted all other interests and he became a soldier of the Union army, participating in the battle of Wilson's Creek on the 10th of August, 1861, when General Lyons lost his life. The mother, Mrs. Mitchell, was born in Jefferson, Tennessee, and lived to an advanced age, passing away in 1908.

John O. Mitchell, who was the third in order of birth in a family of ten children, spent his youthful days in southern Missouri and after mastering the branches of learning taught in the public schools he became a student at Ozark College. He then took up the profession of teaching, which he followed for eight years in connection with various schools, but he did not regard this as his life work and as opportunity offered extended his efforts into other fields. He became connected with farming and stock raising and also conducted a general merchandise store. His farming interests proved very successful and he constantly added to his holdings until he was one of the leading agriculturists of his part of the state. For many years he was prominently known as a buyer of cattle, hogs and mules for the Kansas City market. His holdings in southern Missouri were extensive, including fourteen hundred acres of land near Lockwood, this farm being very productive and thereby constituting a source of substantial revenue. He became a stockholder and director of the Dade County Bank, remaining on its board until his removal to Tulsa in August, 1904, when he resigned. His business at all times was most carefully managed and the soundness of his judgment and his keen discrimination were manifest in the results achieved. Moreover, Mr. Mitchell became recognized as one of the prominent political leaders of Missouri during his residence in that state. Without seeking the nomination he was made a candidate on the democratic ticket for the office of general assemblyman in a county that normally gives a strong republican majority. His personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him by his fellow townsmen led to a marked reduction in the republican vote, his opponent winning the election by a plurality of but eighty. Mr. Mitchell served as a member of the convention which nominated David Francis for governor of Missouri at Sedalia. In various ways he swayed public thought and opinion in his community and shaped its political history, his influence being ever on the side of progress and improvement.

It was therefore with broad and valuable experience in life that Mr. Mitchell came to Tulsa and at once entered upon the task of developing the city. Here he not only became a prominent figure in business circles but was almost immediately called upon for public activity, having in the year 1904—the year of his arrival—been selected as Tulsa committeeman in the delegation which went from Oklahoma to Washington for the purpose of advocating joint statehood. The decision of this committee was one of the influential factors in the deliberations of congress, which less than two years later enacted the statehood law for Oklahoma and the Indian territory. In 1906 Mr. Mitchell was elected mayor of Tulsa on the democratic ticket, filling the office for one term, and following the granting of a commission charter to the city by the state legislature in 1910, he was again chosen mayor and his personal influence was a strong factor in the equation that proved the success of the municipal experiment in Oklahoma. The example of Tulsa has since been widely followed and the commission plan of

government is now largely used by the leading cities of the state. Upon all public questions Mr. Mitchell brought to bear the sound judgment and keen sagacity which he displayed in the management of his business interests. The latter were most varied and extensive and as a result thereof he was numbered among the capitalists of the state. He became identified with the Illinois Oil & Gas Company of Red Fork, which built a brick plant, using for fuel some of the abundant natural gas produced in that section. This brick was shipped in large quantities to Tulsa during the great building boom of the city and was also widely used in the construction of important buildings in many other cities of the state. The Central National Bank of Tulsa is likewise a monument to the efforts of Mr. Mitchell and other progressive business men who effected the organization in 1907. He became the vice president and one of the large stockholders in the Barnes Oil Company, which in 1909 sold its interests for seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars to the Prairie Oil & Gas Company. At one time he was the owner of the Galbreath Oil & Gas Company of Tulsa, which subsequently was sold to the Oklahoma Natural Gas Company. Mr. Mitchell was an associate of Robert Galbreath, who was the pioneer in the development of the famous Glenn pool, and throughout life he retained large holdings in the oil and gas producing companies of northeastern Oklahoma. His property holdings included valuable real estate in Kansas City, together with a half interest in the Mitchell and Barnes addition on Grand avenue in the city of Dallas, Texas, a property valued at two hundred thousand dollars. Moreover, Mr. Mitchell laid out and developed the suburb of West Tulsa, and his real estate holdings in Tulsa proper were extensive. In fact it is said that he owned more property in the city than any other one man and all who know aught of Tulsa's history credit him with a large share in the development, upbuilding and progress of the municipality.

On the 25th of February, 1886, Mr. Mitchell was married to Miss Alice M. Young, who was born in Greenfield, Missouri, and they became the parents of six children, two of whom died in infancy, the others being: Velva L., the wife of Ralph H. Shaw of Tulsa; Garland C., a business man of Claremore, Oklahoma; Young O., who is a graduate of the University of Kansas and is active in business circles of Tulsa; and Eudora, who was graduated from Fairmont Seminary and is now the wife of John H. Harvey of Tulsa.

The Mitchell home is one of the finest residences in the city, and Mr. Mitchell's joy in his success largely came through the opportunity that it gave him to provide liberally for his family and to extend a helping hand wherever aid was needed. His name usually headed the list of those who were contributing to the support of beneficial public projects and he was the promoter of many activities and interests which were of great value to the city. His was a genial nature and social disposition that enabled him readily to win friends, while their high regard was retained by reason of an upright life and the possession of all those qualities which make for strong friendship. He was prominent among those who promoted the Elks' home at Tulsa and was a past exalted ruler of Tulsa Lodge, No. 946, B. P. O. E. He also belonged to the Knights of Pythias fraternity and in 1885 became a Mason in Garrett Lodge, A. F. & A. M., at Arcola, Missouri. He was a member of the Consistory in McAlester and also of Akdar Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Tulsa. His active connection with the city dated back to the early days which read almost like a romance to those who have known only modern prosperity and conveniences here. He stood as a splendid representative of that class of substantial builders of a great commonwealth who have served faithfully and long in the enterprising west, having always done his full duty in establishing and maintaining the material interests of the state and in upholding its legal and

moral status. When death claimed him July 1, 1921, Tulsa realized that she had lost a true friend, one devoted to her interests. Friendliness was one of his marked characteristics and his royal welcome to strangers was the inducement that brought many to Tulsa in the early days.

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### JUDGE ALBERT C. HUNT.

There are various reasons why Albert C. Hunt should be mentioned in a history of Tulsa. For a number of years he has been classed with the representative members of the bar of this state, especially in the field of civil law, and he is a splendid business man, efficient and thorough in all that he undertakes. Moreover, he is public-spirited to an eminent degree and everything that pertains to the public welfare is a matter of deep interest to him, his active support being given to all measures which he deems of direct value in promoting the progress and improvement of his city. There are few men that have the faculty of winning such true and enduring friendships as does Albert C. Hunt and the reason of this is perhaps found in the Emersonian philosophy that "the way to win a friend is to be one."

Judge Hunt was born in Clarksville, Arkansas, July 30, 1888, a son of W. T. and Mattie Hunt, and the eldest of seven boys. In April, 1895, he removed with his parents to Wagoner, Oklahoma, and resided there continuously until January 1, 1917, at which time he moved to Tulsa. He attended the public schools of Wagoner, passing through consecutive grades to the high school and afterward was a pupil for two years in the Missouri Military Academy of Mexico, Missouri, from which he was graduated in 1906, winning the scholarship medal offered the senior class. He next entered Vanderbilt University of Nashville, Tennessee, for the study of law and won his LL. B. degree in 1909. In December of the same year he was admitted to the bar of this state and has since devoted his attention to the practice of law. During his college days he became a member of Malone chapter of Phi Delta Phi. With his admission to the Oklahoma bar Mr. Hunt engaged in the practice at Wagoner with his father, during which time he served four years as city attorney.

Upon locating in Tulsa in January, 1917, Mr. Hunt became associated with Judge Owen Owen and they were partners under the firm name of Owen & Hunt at the time Judge Owen went on the district bench in January, 1919. Since that time Judge Hunt has been associated with his father, who moved to Tulsa in the early part of 1919 to engage in the practice of law, and they have devoted their attention principally to civil cases and corporation interests.

On May 9, 1921, he was appointed by Governor Robinson district judge of the Twenty-first Judicial District of Oklahoma, composed of Tulsa and Pawnee counties, under the provisions of a bill passed by the 1921 legislature providing for two additional district judges for this district, and is now serving in that capacity and enjoys the distinction of being the youngest district judge in the state.

On the 24th of November, 1914, Mr. Hunt was married to Miss Essie Hayden, daughter of Clement Hayden of Choteau, Oklahoma, who was a pioneer banker and leading citizen of that place. They have two children: Elizabeth Hayden and Albert C., Jr. The parents are members of the Boston Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, in which Mr. Hunt is serving on the board of stewards, and in the work of the church he takes active and helpful part. He is a Mason, belonging to Petroleum Lodge, No. 474, A. F. & A. M., and has also taken the degrees of



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the York and Scottish Rites, being a member of the commandery at Tulsa, the consistory at McAlester and of Akdar Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He is likewise a member of the Country Club and of the City Club and is president of the Kiwanis Club. In this connection he recognizes fully the weighty responsibilities the office carries with it, both as to the welfare of the club and the advancement of the city, for Kiwanis is one of the leading civic organizations of Tulsa. He is meeting his responsibilities in a most capable and efficient manner and civic progress is being greatly promoted through his efforts. He takes the keenest interest in the general welfare and is a public-spirited young man in all that the term implies. Moreover, he brings splendid business principles to the solution of civic problems and enjoys to the utmost degree the confidence of all with whom he has had business or civic relations. He has always been a stalwart advocate of democratic principles and his position upon any vital question is never an equivocal one. He was the secretary of the Tulsa County Bar Association in 1920 and along strictly professional lines also has membership with the State and American Bar Associations. A man of high moral character and of splendid personal qualities he is loved and respected by all who know him and to an unusual degree he has the gift of making numerous and lasting friendships.

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#### ROBERT C. SHARP.

Robert C. Sharp, vice president of the Oklahoma Natural Gas Company, was born in Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, December 28, 1874. His father, William J. Sharp, who was a well known lumberman, died December 21, 1918. The mother, who bore the maiden name of Martha Louise Cowden, is also a native of Pennsylvania and is still living. The family numbered four children, three of whom were daughters.

Robert C. Sharp, the only son, was educated in the public schools of his native county and in Westminster College. He afterward became claim adjuster for a company in New York city and when he had filled that position for several years he became interested in oil and coal production in Pennsylvania and in other states. His identification with Tulsa dates from September, 1910, and since that time he has been active in oil production in Oklahoma. In 1917 he became interested in natural gas production and distribution and was elected to the vice presidency of the Oklahoma Natural Gas Company, of which he is also a director. This company is a very large distributor of natural gas to many cities of the state, including Tulsa, and the business is now one of extensive and profitable proportions.

On the 22d of September, 1903, Mr. Sharp was married to Miss Josephine Parker, daughter of Henry J. Parker, one of the leading oil men of the United States, residing at Parkers Landing, Pennsylvania. The children of this marriage are: H. Parker, who is a graduate of the Peabody high school of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and is now a student in Harvard University; and Martha Louise, who was born September 11, 1907, and is attending school in Tulsa.

Mr. Sharp is today a man of wealth and liberal culture and the position of his family is one of high social standing. He belongs to the Country Club, the City Club and also to the Chamber of Commerce, being much interested in the plans and efforts of that organization for the city's benefit and upbuilding. He likewise belongs to the United Presbyterian church and is much interested in work for boys, being a director of the Boys' Home of Tulsa and of the Young Men's Chris-

tian Association. His attitude is that of the big brother who recognizes the enticements and temptations that surround the youth and who endeavors in every possible way to safeguard the lad and develop the best and the strongest in him in preparation for the demands and responsibilities of life.

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#### DAVID LESLIE DOBIE.

David Leslie Dobie, an oil producer of Tulsa, was born in Hayward, Wisconsin, November 19, 1887. His parents were David and Bella (Logie) Dobie. The father, who was born in Ontario, Canada, was a lumberman and land owner of northern Wisconsin, where he conducted important business interests. His religious faith was that of the Presbyterian church and he belonged also to the Masonic fraternity, loyally following its teachings. His political allegiance was given to the republican party until Woodrow Wilson became a candidate for the presidency, when he supported the democratic party. He died February 10, 1921, at the age of sixty-five years and is survived by his widow, who is also a native of Ontario, Canada.

David Leslie Dobie enjoyed excellent educational privileges, being graduated from the University of Wisconsin with the class of 1910. He afterward attended the University of Oregon and won his Bachelor of Arts degree with the class of 1911. For some years he resided in Superior, Wisconsin, but in 1916 came to Tulsa, where he has since practiced his profession as an oil geologist and is also interested in oil production. In fact he is familiar with various phases of the oil industry and his professional and business interests have been wisely conducted, bringing him substantial returns.

In 1914 Mr. Dobie was married to Miss Claire Keeley of Hudson, Wisconsin, a daughter of Daniel Keeley, one of the early settlers of this section of the state. Mr. and Mrs. Dobie have two children: Mary Belle, five years of age; and Elizabeth. The religious faith of the parents is that of the Episcopal church and they cooperate heartily in activities and efforts for the uplift of the individual and for public benefit as well. The liberal educational training which Mr. Dobie received along broad scientific lines well qualified him for the work which he has done as an oil geologist in the southwest and has made his opinions largely an accepted authority upon many questions relative to the oil fields of this section of the country.

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#### WALTER L. DOBIE.

Walter L. Dobie, an oil geologist, operating in the fields around Tulsa, was born in Superior, Wisconsin, December 17, 1888. His father, David Dobie, was of Canadian birth, coming from Ontario across the border into the United States. He devoted his attention to the lumber business and to real estate interests and his home was in Superior, Wisconsin, at the time of his death on February 10, 1921. The high principles which governed him in his relations with his fellow-men had their root in his membership in the Masonic fraternity and in the Presbyterian church. He married Bella Logie, also a native of Canada.

Walter L. Dobie obtained a public school education and afterwards attended the University of Wisconsin, in which he completed his course by graduation

with the class of 1915, winning the Bachelor of Arts degree. He specialized on engineering and geology courses and for two years he did geological work for the state of Wisconsin. He afterward taught in the Rollo School of Mines in Missouri for a year and in 1917 he came to Tulsa, being associated with Mowry Bates of Kentucky. He is now connected with his brother in the practice of his profession and he belongs to the American Society of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers. He is constantly seeking to further acquaint himself with the scientific principles which underlie his profession and at the same time broad practical experience is bringing to him wide and thorough knowledge.

In August, 1919, Mr. Dobie was married to Miss Ruth Peter of Oregon, and since coming to Tulsa to make their home they have gained many warm friends, enjoying the hospitality of a large number of the attractive homes of this city.

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### MAX A. PISHEL.

Max A. Pishel, an oil geologist with an extensive clientage, having since 1918 practiced his profession independently in Tulsa, was born in Thuringia, Germany, November 29, 1877, a son of Ferdinand and Louise (Uhlman) Pishel. The father was a brewer of Germany and never came to the United States.

Max A. Pishel pursued his education in the public schools of his native country to the age of fifteen years, when he crossed the Atlantic to the new world and has since made his own way in life. He resorted to various lines of work in order to obtain an education, for he was ambitious to promote his knowledge by further study and at length he entered the Iowa State College at Ames, Iowa, where he won the degrees of Mechanical Engineer and Bachelor of Science in 1906. Also during his college days he became a member of the Delta Upsilon. He afterward pursued postgraduate studies in the sciences at Freiburg, Saxony, Germany, specializing in geology and ore deposits. He then returned to America and became connected with the United States Geological Survey, working in that capacity until 1914 at various points in the west. In the latter year he was made geologist in charge of the north central Texas division of the Texas company and located the first deep oil well at Breckinridge. In 1916 he became associated with the Southwestern Petroleum Company as geologist and so continued until 1918, when he entered upon private practice, operating all over the mid-continent field, comprising some of the largest pools in the state, especially in the Osage, and he is interested in drilling and leasing properties. His comprehensive study and broad experience enables him to speak with authority upon questions relative to his profession and he is now a valued member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists and of the American Institute of Mining Engineers.

In 1912, at Binghamton, New York, Mr. Pishel was married to Miss Emily Grace Treadway, who is a graduate of the Syracuse University of New York and who has taken postgraduate work at Columbia University. Prior to her marriage she was a successful teacher. Her parents were Charles B. and Mary Treadway, the former a traveling salesman, now living in San Diego, California, where he has retired from business. To Mr. and Mrs. Pishel have been born two children: Max Albert, whose birth occurred September 4, 1913; and Robert Gordon, born July 7, 1917.

Mr. Pishel is a member of the City Club and his wife is also well known and active in club circles, belonging to the Collegiate Club and the Pan-Hellenic Club.

Both are consistent followers of the teachings of the Presbyterian church and Mr. Pishel gives his political endorsement to the republican party. He has never had any occasion to regret his determination to come to America and make this country the place of his residence and the center of his interests, for he has here found excellent opportunities for advancement and in their utilization he has reached a creditable and satisfactory professional position, being now well known in connection with the oil development of the southwest.

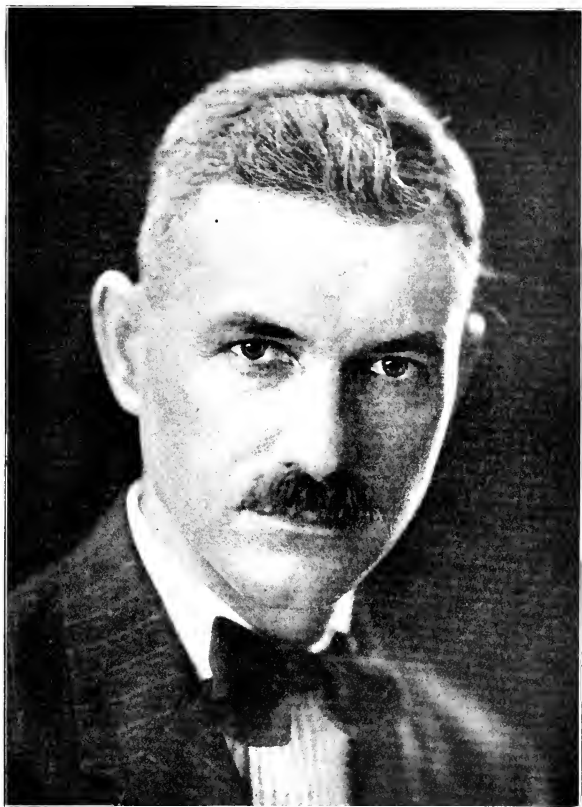
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#### WOODSON E. NORVELL.

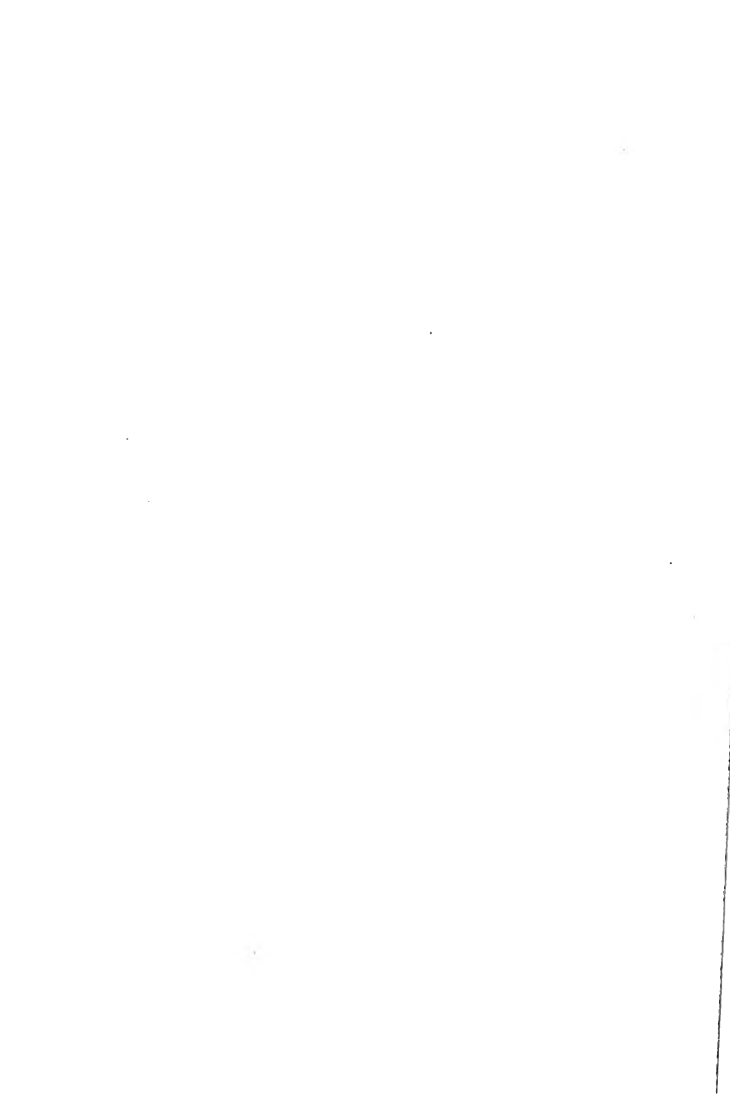
Though he is still a young man Woodson Easley Norvell figures as one of the oldest lawyers in continuous practice at the bar of Tulsa county, and he is not only one of the representative members of that bar, with specially high reputation as a constitutional lawyer, but he has also been prominent and influential in the affairs of the Masonic fraternity and for five years served as grand orator of the Masonic grand lodge of Oklahoma. A man of fine intellectual and professional attainments, a loyal and progressive citizen of Tulsa, and a lawyer who is an insistent observer of the unwritten ethical code of his profession, which he has honored by his character and services, he is eminently entitled to recognition in this history.

Mr. Norvell was born on a farm in Linn county, Missouri, on the 9th of August, 1880, and is a son of George H. and Lucy F. (Edgar) Norvell, both natives of Missouri and representatives of sterling pioneer families of Linn county, that state. George H. Norvell was not only one of the successful farmers of Linn county, Missouri, but was an influential figure in public affairs of a local order, as may be inferred when it is stated that he served thirty-two years as a member of the board of trustees of his township and for the greater part of this time was chairman of the board. Mr. Norvell gave four years of gallant service as a soldier of the Union in the Civil war, as a member of Company C, Eighteenth Missouri Volunteer Infantry. With this command he participated in many of the important campaigns and battles of the war, and was wounded at the battle of Shiloh, but thereafter took part in the Atlanta campaign, including the historic siege directed by the Union forces against the Georgia metropolis. In later years he maintained a vital interest in his old comrades and perpetuated the more gracious associations and memories of his military career by his active affiliation with the Grand Army of the Republic, in which he served several years as adjutant. Mr. Norvell continued his residence in Missouri until 1903, when he came to Tulsa, Oklahoma, acquired extensive land holdings in this section of the state and was successful and influential as a pioneer exponent of the real estate business at Tulsa. A man of fine personality and distinctive ability, he was the friend and confidant of many of the influential men of the city and county, his circle of friends being coextensive with that of his acquaintances, and his personal influence and well directed business activities have added definitely to the growth and progress of Tulsa along both civic and material lines. He was one of the highly honored pioneer citizens of Tulsa at the time of his death, on the 1st of July, 1919, and his widow still maintains her home in this city. He was a stalwart advocate of the principles of the democratic party and his religious faith was that of the Baptist church, of which Mrs. Norvell is a zealous member.

Woodson E. Norvell found the period of his childhood and early youth compassed by the wholesome and invigorating influence and associations of the home



WOODSON F. NORVILLE.



farm, and in addition to aiding in the work thereof he also found employment in sawmills in the old home section of Missouri. At this stage of his career he attended school principally during the winter months and he relied upon his own resources in gaining his higher education. He completed a two years' course in the Missouri State Normal School at Chillicothe, and thereafter was for two years a student in the Presbyterian College at Brookfield, Missouri. In that place he began the work of preparing himself for his chosen profession, taking up the study of law in the office of the representative firm of Lauder, Johnson & Lauder. He came to Oklahoma territory prior to attaining his legal majority, and a few months after his twenty-first birthday he passed a successful examination and was admitted to the Oklahoma bar on the 27th of September, 1901, at Taloga, the present judicial center of Dewey county. At that place he served his novitiate in work of his profession, there he was active in political affairs and served as secretary of the democratic county committee. He continued in practice at Taloga until 1903, in August of which year he came to Tulsa and numbered himself among the pioneer lawyers of this section of the Indian territory. He has long controlled a large and representative practice, in which he has specialized on Indian titles and homicide defenses, and in the latter department he has attained to a statewide reputation.

At Taloga, Oklahoma, on the 7th of November, 1903, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Norvell to Miss Norma L. Ogan, a daughter of Gilpin and Phoebe (Farner) Ogan, representatives of old and influential families of Linn county, Missouri, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Norvell having served as a member of one of the early sessions of the Missouri legislature. Gilpin Ogan was a farmer by vocation and was a young man at the time of his death. Mr. and Mrs. Norvell were childhood friends in Linn county, Missouri, and their youthful romance has been notable in its gracious permanency. Mrs. Norvell is prominent in connection with the representative social activities of her home city, both she and her husband were active in war work during America's participation in the great World war, and she was chairman of the reception committee which welcomed General Pershing on the occasion of his post-war visit to Tulsa. Mr. and Mrs. Norvell have two children: Lucille and George Eldon.

Mr. Norvell has continued his active part in political affairs, served several years as a member and secretary of the Tulsa county democratic committee, and represented the Creek-Tulsa district in the legislature during 1907-8. In this connection he had much to do with the formative legislation of Oklahoma and he was assigned to important house committees in the first session of the state legislature. He drafted the amendments that cut the excise tax to one-half of one per cent, and this percentage continued in force about ten years. He was active also in defining legislation in connection with oil production in Oklahoma, though at that time the state had only five counties in which oil was being produced. He continued in service as chairman of the democratic county committee of Tulsa county for three terms, but at the present time is not active in connection with practical political affairs. Mr. Norvell has twice served as master of Tulsa Lodge, No. 71, A. F. & A. M., and has been specially prominent in connection with Masonic affairs in the state, his service as grand orator of the Masonic grand lodge of Oklahoma having covered a period of five years, within which time he was orator at the laying of the corner stone of the state capitol, as well as of the Tulsa high school and other prominent buildings. He assisted in the organization of the Tulsa Law Library Association and served as chairman of its board of trustees. He is past president of the Tulsa County Bar Association, and in connection with the Masonic fraternity he is past patron of Tulsa Chapter, No. 133,

Order of the Eastern Star; was vice-president in 1920 of the Tulsa Scottish Rite Society; is chairman of the library committee of the Masonic home at Darlington, Oklahoma; has Scottish Rite affiliations with Indian Consistory, No. 2, at McAlester; and has a life membership in Akdar Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Norvell is a zealous and valued member of the Oklahoma State Historical Society, and in this connection he has been a close student of history in general and has gained authoritative knowledge of ancient history. He is a member of the Missouri Society of Tulsa, and in all respects has entered with characteristic earnestness and loyalty into the communal interests of his home city and state. He keeps to his high standard as a student of law, avails himself of the best in the literature of his profession, and since establishing his residence in Tulsa has taken a special course in the law department of the University of Chicago. One of his professional confreres who has known him long and well has given the following estimate of Mr. Norvell: "His success in his profession is primarily to be attributed to his perfect knowledge of the law and his unswerving fidelity to the just cause he consents to represent. He excels in constitutional law and he has been influential in the Masonic fraternity in Oklahoma since the territorial days. He has given twenty years of his life to Masonry, aided materially in establishing the first Masonic lodge at Tulsa, and served as master of this lodge (Tulsa Lodge, No. 65) prior to the admission of Oklahoma to statehood. He has contributed freely to the library of the Masonic Home at Darlington, and portions of the orations he delivered while serving as grand orator of the Masonic grand lodge of Oklahoma have been reprinted in the annual reports of many of the Masonic grand jurisdictions of the world."

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#### JOHN SAMUEL DAVENPORT.

John Samuel Davenport, president of Davenport-Warriner & Company, wholesalers of general merchandise at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and also senior partner in the firm of Davenport & Ratcliff, insurance, loan and bond agents, is a native of Kentucky, his birth having occurred in Kirkwood, Mercer county, on the 22d of October, 1876; his parents being John W. and Maude (McAfee) Davenport, both of whom were natives of Mercer county.

The father devoted the active years of his life to general farming and stock raising, which he has successfully followed; and is also a director of the Bank of Harrodsburg, Kentucky. He is likewise engaged in the implement, automobile, harness, and saddlery business under the firm name of The Harrodsburg Implement Company. He is one of the leading and substantial business men of Harrodsburg and that section of the state, his commercial, financial, and agricultural interests placing him in a position of prominence in business circles. He is also a recognized leader in the democratic ranks and for four years he filled the office of county judge. He is deeply interested in everything pertaining to the general welfare of his community and has at times been called on to fill various public offices of honor and trust. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. In 1898 he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who passed away at the age of thirty-two years.

John S. Davenport, one of a family of seven children, attended the public schools of Kirkwood, Kentucky, and also Daughters College at Harrodsburg, after which he spent two years as a student in Central University. During his college days he became a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, and was



active in athletic circles. His initial step in the business world was made in connection with merchandising at Kirkwood, Kentucky, where he continued for three years in his original position and then became bookkeeper with the Curry Grocery Company, a wholesale concern of which he later became credit man. After a time, in recognition of his capability, he was made secretary and treasurer of the Curry Grocery Company, which position he held for four years. In 1904 he came to Tulsa, then in the Indian territory, being connected with the Ratcliff-Sanders Company, wholesale grocers, and after eight months was made manager of the Tulsa branch. Later he was transferred to the Vinita branch, where he acted as manager for three years and returned to Tulsa in 1908. Here he became buyer and assistant manager at Tulsa, which was then headquarters of the business.

On the first of April, 1920, Mr. Davenport dissolved his connection with the firm and established a wholesale grocery business under the firm name of Davenport-Warriner & Company, of which he became president. This company handles various other lines of merchandise in addition to groceries and is conducting a profitable wholesale business in Tulsa and vicinity. When still with the Ratcliff-Sanders Company he became interested in the firm of Davenport & Ratcliff, who are Tulsa representatives of the Aetna Building & Loan Association, of Topeka, Kansas, one of the largest concerns of its kind in the United States. They also represent the Oklahoma Savings & Loan Association of Oklahoma City. From time to time in his business career Mr. Davenport has extended his business connections and is now vice president of the Field Stationery Company, and is also secretary and treasurer of the Tulsa Camera Record Company, of which he was one of the organizers. His plans are carefully formulated and promptly executed and he readily discriminates between the essential and the non-essential in all business affairs. He is identified with many business organizations for the betterment of trade conditions. He belongs to the Traffic Club, to the Credit Men's Association of Tulsa, to the Oklahoma and also the Southern Wholesale Grocers' Associations. He is a member of the Tulsa, and the National Real Estate Exchanges, and is also a member of the Fire Prevention Association of Tulsa. His name is on the membership rolls of the Rotary Club, and he is an exemplary representative of Delta Lodge, No. 425, A. F. & A. M., while in Oklahoma Consistory, No. 1, at Guthrie he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He is also identified with the Chamber of Commerce, and gives earnest cooperation to all plans and measures of the organization for the benefit and development of the city.

On the 16th of October, 1901, Mr. Davenport was married in Harrodsburg, Kentucky, to Miss Virginia Moore, a daughter of Mrs. Nannie B. Moore. To Mr. and Mrs. Davenport have been born three children: John Bacon, born in Harrodsburg, Kentucky, in July, 1903; Bowman McAfee, born in Vinita, Oklahoma; and Lillian Virginia, born in Tulsa.

Mr. and Mrs. Davenport are members of the First Presbyterian church, in the work of which they take active and helpful interest. Mr. Davenport serving as one of the elders of the church, as clerk of the session for the past nine years, and as superintendent of the Sunday school, while Mrs. Davenport is assistant superintendent of the primary department of the Sunday school. She has also been prominent in Women's Clubs in Tulsa, and is very active in support of educational interests. She belongs to the Adelphean Society and is also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, her eligibility to membership coming to her through the paternal line.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Davenport were active supporters of the Tulsa Red Cross,

and in fact took a most earnest part in advancing all war drives and activities, doing especially good work in connection with the sale of Liberty bonds. In politics he has always voted with the democratic party, and has served as alderman of his ward, yet has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. He is active in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association, and in fact there is no good work done in the name of charity or religion that seeks his aid in vain, and at all times the name of Davenport is associated with all those interests which are looking to the material, intellectual, social, and moral progress of the community.

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#### HARRY E. BAGBY.

Tulsa numbers among her prominent and progressive citizens Harry E. Bagby, who is associated with the Exchange National Bank in the capacity of special representative. He was born at Vinita, Indian Territory, his parents being Dr. Oliver and Mary (Miller) Bagby, natives of Missouri.

Harry E. Bagby acquired his early education in Vinita and at Springfield, Missouri, where he received preliminary training for his more advanced studies in the University of Missouri. He took up electrical engineering and was graduated in that course in 1906. During 1916 and 1917 he acted as secretary of the Oklahoma Bankers Association at Oklahoma City, where he resided for two years. He is vice president of the Farmers State Bank at Vinita and with J. A. Wise owns the controlling interest. In 1917 Mr. Bagby came to Tulsa, organizing the Tulsa Clearing House Association and managed it until February, 1920, when he went with the Exchange National Bank as special representative.

Mr. Bagby follows an independent course in politics, voting for the man he thinks best fitted for the office, without regard to party principles. He is fraternally identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Masons. He has closely applied himself to the mastery of all duties which have devolved upon him at the bank and thus his efficiency has been constantly promoted. He has thoroughly identified his interests with those of his community—in fact there is no more enthusiastic booster of Tulsa than he and he has already gained recognition as a leader in movements calculated to promote its welfare.

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#### EDGAR ALPHONSE DE MEULES.

Edgar Alphonse de Meules was born in Sauk Rapids, Minnesota, on the 18th day of August, 1880. His father, Alphonse James de Meules, was a member of one of the old French families of St. Paul. His mother, Catherine Linnemann, was of Holland and German lineage. His early youth was spent in the state of his birth. After attending both public and private schools of learning he entered the law department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. On August 5, 1903, he was admitted to the bar of the Indian territory, and thereafter practiced law in Muskogee until October, 1904, when he formed a law partnership with Mr. C. L. Thomas, now deceased, the firm style being Thomas and de Meules. In March, 1908, this partnership was dissolved upon the appointment of Mr. de Meules to the position of general attorney for the Midland Valley Railroad Company, with headquarters at Muskogee. He retained this position until



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August, 1914, when he resigned to associate himself in the general practice of law in Muskogee with Mr. George S. Ramsey, under the firm name of Ramsey and de Meules. This firm succeeded the firm of Ramsey and Thomas, which was dissolved by the death of Mr. C. L. Thomas, Mr. de Meules' former partner, in July, 1914. Subsequently the firm became Ramsey, de Meules and Rosser. Mr. Malcolm E. Rosser entered the firm of Ramsey and de Meules in July, 1915, having previously served as district judge for the fifth judicial district for a number of years and also as a member of the supreme court commission. Later the firm was enlarged by the entrance of Mr. Villard Martin, the firm then being known as Ramsey, de Meules, Rosser & Martin.

Mr. de Meules at one time assumed an active interest in the politics of the state. He acted successively as chairman of the democratic central committee for the Seventy-sixth Constitutional Delegate District and as chairman of the first democratic county central committee for Muskogee county. In addition to the activities of his practice he has served as president of the Muskogee Bar Association for one term and as a member of the council of the State Bar Association for one term. He organized the Muskogee Law Library Association and served as its president for three years. By appointment of the supreme court of the state he is now a member of the Bar Commission of the State of Oklahoma.

In June, 1911, Mr. de Meules was united in marriage to Miss Hazel Hamilton of Dubuque, Iowa. Three sons, Hamilton, Edgar Alphonse, Jr., and Ramsey, have been born of this union.

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#### T. D. CLEAGE.

T. D. Cleage, a petroleum and construction engineer of the first class, who is conducting his professional interest as president of the firm of Cleage & Company of Tulsa, was born in Quincy, Illinois, April 3, 1885. His father, Thomas L. Cleage, a financier, was born in Tennessee and is now living retired in St. Louis, Missouri. He married Miss Anna Mary Deaderick who was born in Virginia, and they became the parents of five children, four of whom are living. The parents are members of the Presbyterian church.

T. D. Cleage pursued his education in the schools of Little Rock, Arkansas, of Quincy, Illinois, and of St. Louis, Missouri, and also attended the Christian Brothers College in the latter city, being graduated with the degree of Electrical Engineer as a member of the class of 1904. He dates his residence in Tulsa from 1916 and is now prominently known as a consulting engineer in the southwest, conducting his business as president of the firm of Cleage & Company. His professional rank is of the highest and he is widely known because of extraordinary inventive skill in casinghead plants and kindred lines. Following his removal to Tulsa, he was engineer for the Mid-Continent Gasoline Company, and a year later joined the employes of the Black Hawk Petroleum Company, also of Tulsa. It was in 1918 that he organized the present company with Carl C. Magee as vice president and F. R. Halliburton as secretary and treasurer. This company owns a number of gasoline plants in Oklahoma and conducts a general engineering business. Its output is sold under the name of Cleco brand of motor oils and includes the Cleco liberty aero for six, eight and twelve cylinder cars, the Cleco motor medium for four and six cylinder cars and the Cleco Ford special. The oil

is of the highest possible grade and the steady growth of the business is proof of its value.

In 1907 Mr. Cleage was married to Miss Eva Marguerite Farmer of St. Louis. They are well known socially and are numbered among the valued members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Cleage is a member of the Country Club and of the City Club, also of the Missouri Athletic Club of St. Louis, and fraternally is connected with Rose Hill Lodge of St. Louis, with the Scottish Rite bodies and with Moolah Temple of the Mystic Shrine. Along professional lines he is connected with the American Association of Engineers. He is a very interesting conversationalist and equal to any social occasion, but is too busy to devote much time to society, clubs or politics. He is, however, a lover of music and is skilled as a violin player. An analysis of his career as to the cause of his success brings to light the fact that he has ever been a tireless worker and never loses faith in anything he undertakes to do.

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### NATHAN O. COLBURN

Nathan O. Colburn, president of the First National Bank of Collinsville, belongs to that class of men whose enterprise is at once felt in any community with which they become identified. His well formulated plans have been carried forward to successful completion and his energies have been a potent element in the development of the community in which he makes his home. A native of Henry county, Illinois, he was born June 15, 1863, of the marriage of Orlin and Levina J. (Lyon) Colburn, the former a native of the state of New York, while the mother was born in Ohio. The father went to Kansas from Illinois in 1869 and there took up land in Greenwood county, in the Osage strip. He cultivated and improved that property until 1875, when he removed to Eureka, Kansas, and there engaged in general merchandising, carrying on the business until 1903 or for a period of twenty-eight years. He then retired from active life but continued to make his home in Eureka until called to his final rest in August, 1914, when he had reached the advanced age of seventy-eight years. His widow still occupies the old home in Eureka and has reached the age of eighty-three years.

Nathan O. Colburn was reared and educated in Eureka, being but six years of age when his parents removed to Kansas. In 1884 he accepted the joint agency of the Wells Fargo and the Adams Express companies at Eureka and at the same time worked for his father in the store, being thus engaged until 1891, when he resigned his position there and came to Oklahoma in the month of September. He located first on a claim five miles north of Chandler and opened a store in the town in April, 1892. There he remained in active business until 1902, and while he conducted his business along successful lines, he nevertheless had to face disaster when on the 30th of March, 1897, a cyclone swept away his store and his home, causing the destruction of goods to the amount of ten thousand dollars. Through the kindness of his creditors, however, who had come to know that his word was good and that he was to be relied upon under all conditions, he was able to open another store in the fall of that year, in which he put a stock worth twenty thousand dollars. He did an enormous business, building up his trade to mammoth proportions, and continued to conduct the store until the winter of 1901, when he sold the property at Chandler and came to Collinsville. In the meantime, or in 1898, he had disposed of his claim in that locality.

After removing to Collinsville, Mr. Colburn entered into partnership with

William S. Edwards and Frank F. Johnson in the purchase of the Cherokee Bank, reorganizing it into the First National Bank, which they have since conducted, Mr. Edwards becoming the first president. He was succeeded by Dr. E. Place, while James M. Colburn became the third president and at his death was succeeded by Nathan O. Colburn of this review. The last named had become the first cashier of the bank and acting vice president. The bank is capitalized for twenty-five thousand dollars, has surplus and undivided profits of an equal amount and deposits of three hundred and sixty thousand dollars. In 1909 a modern two-story bank building was erected, so that the business is well housed, and as the result of the capable management of the officers the institution has done an excellent business and is regarded as one of the strong financial concerns of the county. Mr. Colburn has also been one of the stockholders and the treasurer of the Collinsville Gas Company since 1905. Moreover, he has farming interests and also some oil interests and his investments have at all times been judiciously made.

In December, 1885, Mr. Colburn was married to Miss Minnie M. Sutton, daughter of John W. and Roxana E. (Hammond) Sutton, who were natives of Michigan and came to Oklahoma from Eureka, Kansas, in 1889. Her father was a farmer and stockman and afterward established his home in Collinsville, being among the first settlers of that town. His wife there opened the New York Store, a dry goods establishment, which she conducted for about fourteen years. She passed away in Kansas City, at the home of a daughter, in January, 1915, but the father is still living and yet makes his home in Collinsville. To Mr. and Mrs. Colburn have been born four children: Hazel, the wife of H. Clyde Bollman, the active vice president of the First National Bank; James O., who is cashier of the bank; Theresa, an actress of marked ability who is now with Robert B. Mantel in Shakespearean repertoire; and Franqui, at home.

Mr. Colburn is a member of the Masonic fraternity, in which he has taken the consistory degrees at Guthrie, and has become identified with Akdar Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Tulsa. He also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Politically he is a republican and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day but never seeks nor desires office as a reward for party fealty, preferring that his public duty shall be done as a private citizen. His wife is a member of the Episcopal church. They are both widely and favorably known in Collinsville, where they have long resided, their many friends entertaining for them the highest regard, while in social circles they occupy an enviable position.

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#### NORRIS T. GILBERT.

Since 1916 Norris T. Gilbert has been prominent in the financial circles of Tulsa as active vice president of the Producers State Bank. He has been in the banking business since 1901 and has closely applied himself to the mastery of all duties which have devolved upon him and thus his efficiency has been constantly promoted. He is a native of Kansas, his birth having occurred at Brookville, that state, on the 6th of December, 1879. His parents, J. M. and Martha Jane (Mayes) Gilbert are both deceased, the father having passed away on the 8th of July, 1908, at the age of seventy-five years and the mother on the 15th of September, 1915, at the age of seventy-six years. The father, J. M. Gilbert, was a

native of New York state and the mother of Pennsylvania, but at the close of the Civil war they removed to Kansas, where they secured a homestead, which the father operated until 1889. In that year he came to Oklahoma and engaged in farming near Stillwater for the remainder of his life. He was recognized as a representative agriculturist and his death came as a severe blow to the community. He was a veteran of the Civil war, having served with a New York regiment from 1861 until the close of the conflict.

Norris T. Gilbert received his education in public schools of Stillwater, to which place he had removed with his parents in 1889, and in due time entered the Agricultural and Mechanical College, and was graduated in 1898. Three years later, or in 1901, he entered banking circles and has followed that line of business ever since. In 1916 he became associated with the Producers State Bank at Tulsa as active vice president, which position he is still holding to the complete satisfaction of the patrons and other officers of the bank. In addition to his financial undertakings Mr. Gilbert is interested in oil production and is a director of several oil and refining companies throughout the state.

In 1901 occurred the marriage of Mr. Gilbert to Miss Bennie Townsend of Stillwater and to them two children have been born: Yukola, a daughter eighteen years of age; and Harold, sixteen years of age.

Fraternally Mr. Gilbert is identified with the Masons, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He is also a member of the Mystic Shrine. In the line of his business Mr. Gilbert is a member of the Oklahoma Bankers Association, of which he was elected president in 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert reside at 1517 South Elwood, and they are readily conceded representative and progressive citizens.

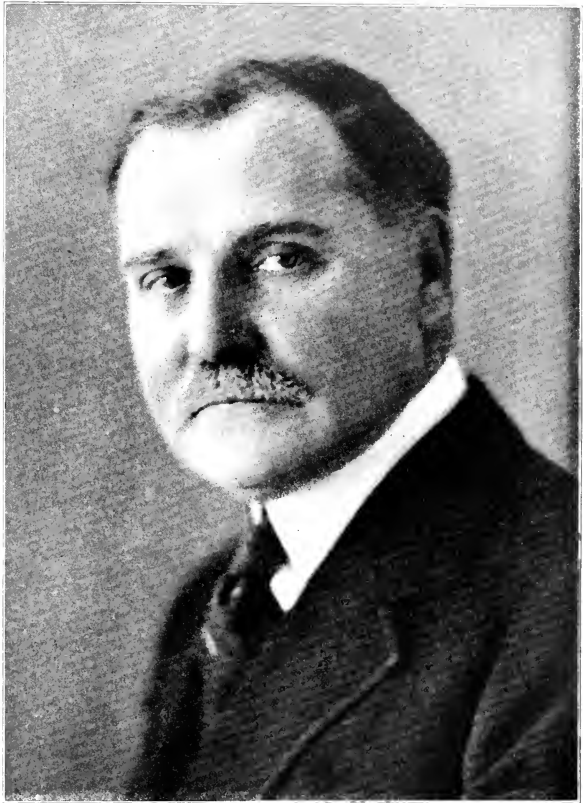
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### HENRY BARTON MARTIN.

Henry Barton Martin, who has attained eminence as a representative of the Tulsa bar through the successful handling of some of the most important oil cases that have been heard in the state, was born in Lexington, Fayette county, Kentucky, February 8, 1872. His father, Henry S. Martin, was also a native of Fayette county, and is now living in Atchison, Kansas. He, too, became a lawyer and practiced for many years, but is living retired. He served as a private in the Confederate army and has always given his political allegiance to the democratic party, while his religious faith is that of the Christian church. He married Jane Miller, who was born in Kentucky, but has now passed away. Their family numbered four children, three of whom survive.

Henry B. Martin attended the University of Kansas, after completing his preliminary public school education, and was graduated from that institution with the Bachelor of Arts degree as a member of the class of 1887. He afterward took up the study of law in New York and was admitted to the bar. He entered upon active practice at Perry, Oklahoma, in 1893, and there remained for fifteen years, or until 1908, when he came to Tulsa, where he has since resided. Here he has handled many notable oil cases, representing some of the most important interests of this section. He is a recognized leader of the bar, possessing comprehensive knowledge of corporation law and particularly of the law applicable to oil and gas interests. He is preeminently a trial lawyer, often being employed by other lawyers to try their cases. He received one fee of fifty thousand dollars for trying a case and he excels in the presentation of his cases before a jury. He has tried cases in





HENRY B. MARTIN



all the state and federal courts and he is a valued member of the state and American Bar Associations.

In 1902 Mr. Martin was married to Miss Elizabeth Kirkpatrick, a native of Iowa, and a daughter of A. E. Kirkpatrick. They have one son, Charles Ferrell, who was born April 11, 1905, and is now a high school pupil in Tulsa. He is a fine boy and an expert horseman, having inherited his father's love of horses, for Mr. Martin is the owner of some of the prize winning horses of Oklahoma, and is well known as a breeder of high class saddle horses. In this connection he owns a farm southeast of Tulsa, on which can be found some of the finest specimens of the noble steed in the country. He manifests a just pride in his farm and turns to it for recreation, but gives the major part of his attention to his law practice, which has constantly grown in volume and importance.

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### CHARLES EDWARD BUCHNER.

Charles Edward Buchner, general secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association at Tulsa, has been identified with this great field of work since 1901 and has made steady progress in connection therewith. Born in Leavenworth, Kansas, he is a son of Charles A. and Emma M. (Wuerth) Buchner. The father was engaged in the milling business in Leavenworth, Kansas, at the time of his death in 1886, while the mother passed away in 1895.

At the usual age Charles Edward Buchner became a pupil in the graded schools, afterward attended high school and subsequently a business college at Leavenworth. He next entered the Northwestern College at Naperville, Illinois, and afterward became a student in Park College at Parkville, Missouri. He then attended the Young Men's Christian Association College in Chicago but in the meantime had made his initial step in the business world, being first employed in a bakery, while later he did law and court reporting. After qualifying for his present line he entered Association work in Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1901 as physical director and two years later became general secretary of his native city. In 1906 he was made physical director and assistant at Bisbee, Arizona, and afterward was promoted to general secretary. On the 6th of December, 1909, he came to Tulsa in charge of the Community Boys' Work, in the position of secretary, and in 1915 was advanced to the position of general secretary of the Association in this city. He is a member of the Five Year Commission of the Board of the Young Men's Christian Association College in Chicago, Illinois, and is a member of the board of trustees of the University of Tulsa.

On the 5th of June, 1907, in Leavenworth, Kansas, Mr. Buchner was married to Miss Irene Jennette Hughes, a daughter of Mrs. A. L. Barnett of that city. Their children are: Charles E., born July 10, 1910; and Robert Earl, born March 14, 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Buchner are members of the Presbyterian church, in which he is filling the office of elder and is also teacher of the young business men's class. He belongs to the City Club and was one of the four organizers of the Tulsa Rotary Club, of which he served as president in 1919-20. He belongs to Tulsa Lodge, No. 71, A. F. & A. M.; Guthrie Consistory, A. A. S. R.; and Akdar Temple of the Mystic Shrine of Tulsa. During the period of the World war he served as campaign director, both local and state, for the Red Cross, was also on active duty at all issues of the Liberty Loan and on committees for War Savings Stamps and various relief funds. He was likewise a director of the United War Work for the state of Arizona, with the best record

in the nation of two hundred and forty-eight per cent of the quota and the best record in the nation on achieving the quota first. He was likewise a Four-Minute speaker and took part in every activity for the support of the government. He is active in all law enforcement and his labors and his influence have been a potent power for good.

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FRED A. GLASS, M. D.

Dr. Fred A. Glass, a Tulsa surgeon connected with Home Hospital, was born in Booneville, Kentucky, March 11, 1871, his parents being Dr. A. M. and Lucy (Herd) Glass, both of whom were also natives of Kentucky, while the grandfather in the paternal line was a Civil war veteran from Virginia, and was a surgeon in the Union army. The father was educated in the University of Louisville and in the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, Maryland. For thirty-two years he practiced at Booneville, Kentucky, being one of the ablest members of the profession in that part of the state. The recognition of his ability led to the retention of his services in many of the leading households of Booneville and he was widely known there as "a loved family physician." He was also much interested in the general welfare and civic activity and was a most public-spirited citizen. His religious faith was that of the Presbyterian church and he died at Booneville in 1917.

Dr. Glass, whose name introduces this review, attended the schools of Booneville and afterward continued his education in a preparatory school at Richmond, Kentucky. He next entered Center College at Danville, Kentucky, and won his Bachelor of Arts degree upon graduation with the class of 1908. During his student days there he became a member of the Zeta Zeta Chapter of the Sigma Chi fraternity. On completing his more specifically literary course he took up the study of medicine, matriculating in the Johns Hopkins University at Baltimore, Maryland, in 1908 and winning his diploma and degree upon graduation with the class of 1912. He then spent three and a half years as interne, assistant resident surgeon and resident gynecologist in the Lakeside Hospital at Cleveland, Ohio, and gained that broad and valuable knowledge and experience which never comes as quickly in any other way as through hospital work.

Dr. Glass arrived in Tulsa in 1915 and through the intervening period has devoted his attention exclusively to surgery, for which branch of the profession he is splendidly qualified. He is a fellow of the American Medical Association, a member of the Tulsa County Medical Society and of the Oklahoma State Medical Association and has read many valuable papers on surgical subjects before all these medical societies. He is now chief surgeon for the Home Hospital at Sand Springs, which has one hundred and fifty beds for patients and in connection with which there is maintained a training school for nurses. During the World war he could not be accepted in the army because of physical disability, but he gave most of his time to surgical work on drafted men, making the soldiers fit for active duty at the front. Aside from his professional interests he has extensive farm holdings and raises Jersey cattle and thoroughbred Shorthorns, Duroc hogs and Rhode Island red chickens, all of the finest breed, and the chickens are used at the hospitals, furnishing many an appetizing meal for the patients.

At Sandusky, Ohio, in 1916, Dr. Glass was married to Miss Ruth Sontar,

a daughter of Charles Sontar, a contractor and builder of that city. Dr. and Mrs. Glass have one child, a daughter, Mary. The parents are members of the Methodist church and Dr. Glass belongs to Delta Lodge, No. 425, A. F. & A. M., being numbered among the exemplary followers of the teachings of the craft. He greatly enjoys outdoor life, to which he turns for rest and recreation when professional duties permit.

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#### CLAUDE S. TOMPKINS.

Claude S. Tompkins, secretary of the Mutual Oil & Gas Company of Tulsa, is among those farsighted and energetic business men who are concentrating their efforts and attention upon the oil development of the southwest and who by reason of their thoroughness, discrimination and undaunted energy are gaining a substantial measure of success. Mr. Tompkins was born in Millbrook, New York, May 10, 1876, and was one of a family of two children, the other one being deceased. The parents were John and Matilda (Traver) Tompkins, the former a native of Millbrook, New York, and a commission merchant, devoting his active life to that line of business. He belonged to the Masonic fraternity and that he attained high rank in the order is indicated in the fact that he became a member of the Mystic Shrine. His death occurred in 1916. His widow, also a native of the Empire state, is living in Tulsa.

Claude S. Tompkins after attending the private schools in New York, attended the School of Commerce of the University of New York and won the degree of Bachelor of Commercial Science at his graduation with the class of 1899. He then started upon his professional career as a certified public accountant and continued active in that field of business until about four years ago, when he became associated with the Mutual Oil & Gas Company as its secretary. His attention and energies have since been concentrated upon the duties of the position and having familiarized himself with every phase of the business he has so directed his energies that his labors are a direct element in the attainment of the success which has come to the corporation.

In 1898 Mr. Tompkins was married to Miss Katherine Cunnane, a native of Ireland, and they have become the parents of a son, John Reginald, fourteen years of age, who is now in school. The parents are members of the Holy Family Parish of the Roman Catholic church and Mr. Tompkins is a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus. He also has membership with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He manifests a keen interest in everything of public concern in the community and his cooperation can at all times be counted upon to further plans and measures for the general good.

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#### ROBERT R. LOCKWOOD.

Robert R. Lockwood, president of the Sabine Oil & Marketing Company of Oklahoma, with offices in the Drew building of Tulsa, is one of the progressive young business men of the state. With most liberal educational opportunities, he qualified for the duties and responsibilities of life and since making his initial step in the business world his course has been characterized by steady advancement. He was born in Richmond, Pennsylvania, September 19, 1884, and

is a son of Marcus L. Lockwood, deceased, who was one of the pioneers of the petroleum industry and one whose name is linked with all that is progressive and honorable in connection with the history of the oil fields of the country. Moreover, Robert R. Lockwood is descended from ancestry honorable and distinguished, the line being traced back to 1630, when Robert Lockwood came from England and cast in his lot with the colonists of Massachusetts. His great grandfather was one who aided in winning independence for the nation and afterward became identified with the pioneer development of western New York. From such stock Robert R. Lockwood sprung and his entire course has been in harmony with that of an honored ancestry. After completing a high school course in Jamestown, New York, he entered Yale College, continuing his studies there until 1907, and following the completion of his more specifically literary course he became a law student at Harvard and won the LL. B. degree in 1910. Returning to his home in Oklahoma, for in the meantime his parents had removed to this state, he was admitted to the bar here and entered upon the practice of law but soon became actively identified with oil interests in association with his father and is today a prominent figure in oil circles in the southwest, having succeeded his father in the presidency of the Sabine Oil & Marketing Company, one of the strong corporations operating in the mid-continent field. He is also a director of the Tulsa Loan & Savings Association and at all times manifests sound judgment and a progressive spirit that have brought about gratifying results.

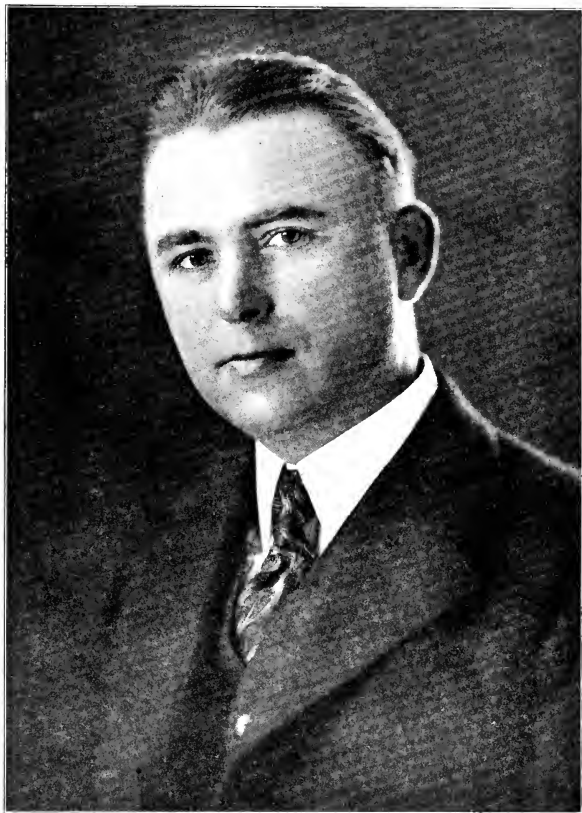
In 1911 Mr. Lockwood was married to Miss Frances Black of Cambridge, Massachusetts, a daughter of Joseph Black. They have three sons: Robert R., seven years of age; Marcus Lafayette; and Edward. Mr. Lockwood is a thirty-second degree Mason and member of Akdar Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Tulsa Board of Education and takes a very active interest in all that pertains to the welfare of the schools and the advancement of the educational standards of the city. In fact he supports all interests and activities which have to do with civic progress and improvement and his course has been marked by advancement at every point in his career.

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#### FRANK STEELE CRAVER.

Frank Steele Craver is an oil geologist of exceptional ability, who is operating extensively in connection with the development of the oil industry in the southwest as a member of the firm of Craver & Greene of Tulsa. From early manhood he has been identified with operations in oil and has been a most close and thorough student of the scientific principles which underlie the development of the oil fields. He was born in Grinnell, Iowa, August 6, 1877, and is the son of Charles F. Craver, whose birth occurred in Franklinville, New Jersey, and who devoted some time to the manufacture of headers and binders. He is now living in Tulsa, where he is connected with the oil business. He married Angeline Hambleton, a native of Columbiana county, Ohio, and they became the parents of two sons, Frank S. and Arthur H., the latter now vice president of the Charles Noble Oil & Gas Company. The parents are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which Mr. Craver has taken an active and helpful part. He has now reached the age of seventy-eight years but is still connected with business interests.

Frank S. Craver obtained a grammar school education in his native city



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and afterward attended the Harvey high school of Chicago. He then returned to Iowa and entered Grinnell College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1900 with the Ph. B. degree. Later he attended the Boston Institute of Technology and completed a course in mining engineering with the class of 1905. His college studies, however, were not continuous for in the interim he had entered business and from 1901 until 1903 was purchasing agent for the Austin Manufacturing Company of Chicago, and in 1904 became a director of the Caney River Oil Company, filling that position until 1906. He was then a member of the firm of Barry & Craver, oil producers, from 1907 until 1912. In the latter year he became head of the firm of Craver & Company, operators in oil, so continuing for about two years. He next was elected president of the Blackhawk Petroleum Company, operating in Oklahoma and Texas and continued in that connection for some time. He afterward formed a partnership with George J. Greene, under the firm style of Craver & Greene, who engaged in the general oil business, particularly in connection with the geologic phase. He is an oil geologist of exceptional ability and a most excellent general executive. In addition to his activities in the oil business, Mr. Craver has become an investor in various corporations and an active factor in a number of business undertakings. He has executed contracts for the paving of streets in St. Joseph, Missouri, and built the St. Joseph & Savannah Interurban Railroad and was secretary and treasurer of the Homestead Loan & Improvement Company of Kansas City. He is still identified with a number of important corporations. He first visited Tulsa in 1907 but for some years thereafter made his home in Kansas City, returning to Tulsa in 1914 to take up his permanent abode here.

In 1910 Mr. Craver was married to Clara L. Rosenow, of Stevens Point, Wisconsin, a daughter of August Rosenow, at one time the proprietor of a saw-mill at Stevens Point. Mr. and Mrs. Craver are parents of two children: Jean, six years of age; and Junior, a little lad of three summers.

Mr. Craver is a member of the Tulsa Country Club, the Petroleum Club, University Clubs of Tulsa and Kansas City and the Quid Libet Club. He likewise belongs to the Sigma Chi and to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he finds recreation in hunting and fishing. His friends—and they are legion—think of him as a high class, cultured gentleman, and he enjoys a most enviable reputation as an oil geologist, his ability placing him in the foremost rank of his profession.

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#### ROBERT MAXWELL MOODY.

Robert Maxwell Moody is numbered among those who make up the personnel of the Exchange National Bank, the strongest financial institution of Oklahoma. Tulsa has numbered him among her citizens since 1913, and recognizes in him one whose spirit of enterprise has brought him to a creditable position in financial circles, and will carry him farther toward the goal of ultimate success in later years. He is numbered among the substantial citizens whom Pennsylvania has furnished to the southwest, his birth having occurred in Titusville on the 25th day of January, 1883. His father, George O. Moody, was a physician, who was born in the state of Maine, and in early manhood prepared

for the practice of medicine, to which he devoted his life. He was a soldier of the Union army, thus manifesting his loyalty to the federal government, and he was a devoted member of the Presbyterian church and of the Masonic fraternity. He married Miss Kingsland, a native of the state of New York, and they became the parents of three children.

Robert Maxwell Moody was educated in the public and high schools of Titusville, Pennsylvania, and in Cornell University, from which he was graduated with the class of 1905. His life has been devoted to the banking business, his initial step being made as an employe of a bank of Titusville. He remained with the institution in various capacities for fifteen years and gained broad and intimate knowledge of the business in its various phases. The opportunities of the growing southwest attracted him, however, and in 1913 he made his way to the rapidly developing city of Tulsa, where he became associated with the Exchange National Bank as chief teller. He was made assistant cashier in 1915 and has since occupied this position. He is also treasurer of the Exchange Trust company of Tulsa.

In January, 1907, Mr. Moody was married to Miss Jane Crosby, a native of Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Alonzo Crosby of Coudersport, Pennsylvania. Mr. Moody is well known in club circles, belonging to the New University Club of Tulsa, of which he is the treasurer, also to the Tulsa Country Club, and to the Kiwanis Club. Of the last named he is a charter member and was at one time its treasurer. Fraternally he is connected with Shepard Lodge, No. 413, A. F. & A. M. He stands very high in social and club circles, his strongly marked characteristics making for popularity wherever he is known. He is active in all civic and charitable matters, supporting every plan and measure for the general good, and was a most earnest worker in the liberty loan during the World war and in other war activities. His entire life has been actuated by a spirit of advancement and he has made the public welfare a matter of personal concern, as well as the advancement of his individual fortunes through his close personal application to business.

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### JOHN B. BROWN.

John B. Brown, an oil producer of Tulsa, member of the firm of McFann & Brown, who are very successful in their chosen field of labor, was born on a farm in Taney county, Missouri, October 28, 1880, his parents being James and Mattie (Evans) Brown, who were likewise natives of Taney county, where for many years the father followed the occupation of farming. The parents have now passed away and of their three children one has departed this life.

John B. Brown obtained a public school education in Missouri and in Texas and in 1900 came to Oklahoma, purchasing farm land in Tulsa county. He still has important agricultural interests, owning a very large farm whereon he raises twenty-five thousand bushels of wheat each year as well as a big amount of cotton and other crops, his land being most carefully and scientifically tilled, so that splendid results accrue. In 1916 he came to Tulsa, primarily to give his children better educational advantages, and here became interested in the production of oil, in which business he has met with substantial success as a partner in the firm of McFann & Brown. Mr. Brown has also been largely interested in cattle, owning a large ranch in Tulsa county.

In 1906 Mr. Brown was married to Miss Lela L. Posey of Texas, and they have three children: Connie Lee, John Benjamin and Arkile Lee. Quiet and unassuming in manner, yet forceful, capable and resourceful, Mr. Brown commands the respect and confidence of all who know him. He has won success and his pleasure therein comes from the opportunities it enables him to place before his family, for his interest centers in the welfare of those of his own household. As an agriculturalist and as an oil producer, however, his position in Oklahoma is one of prominence.

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### HOWARD WILLIAM JEWELL.

Howard William Jewell, an active figure in the club life of Tulsa, popular with an extensive circle of friends and well known in business circles as the superintendent of the Bradstreet Mercantile Agency at Tulsa, was born in Goodland, Kansas, February 18, 1896. His father, Clayton Byron Jewell, was born in Topeka, Kansas, and devoted many years of his life to railroad service, becoming identified with the Missouri Pacific Railroad and Superintendent of the Mexican Central Railroad. He was a thirty-second degree Mason and a member of the First Presbyterian church of Topeka and he passed away in that faith in April, 1907. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Carrie N. Jewell, is still living. They were parents of two sons, the younger being Earl Glen, a resident of Kansas City.

Howard William Jewell was educated in the schools of Benton, Missouri, and in the Kansas City manual training high school, after which he attended the English College and Ames College of Iowa, from which he was graduated with the class of 1920. He started out upon his business career as an employe of the Simplex Spreader Manufacturing Company, with offices in the Traders building of Kansas City, having charge of the factory and acting as manager of the office for a short time. He was connected with Bradstreet in Kansas City for four months and was then made superintendent of the Tulsa branch, in which position he continues, well qualified by previous business experience and adaptability for the position which he is now filling. Mr. Jewell is a Veteran of Foreign Wars. He has had three years' military experience and was a second lieutenant of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Field Artillery on the Mexican border and afterward went overseas, going to France with the Thirty-fifth Division. He was on the battle front and was wounded. He returned to America on the 21st of February, 1919, with a most creditable military record. His religious faith is that of the Christian church. He turns for recreation to athletics and to horseback riding, being very fond of horses. He is a popular young man, highly regarded in business and social circles, prominent in club life and with a host of friends.

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### PAT MALLOY.

Pat Malloy, a lawyer and orator of distinguished ability, is now the general counsel of the Constantin Refining Company, one of the largest corporations of this character in the world. In a profession where advancement depends entirely upon individual merit and ability he has steadily worked his way upward to the position of leadership in which he is now found. Mr. Malloy is a native of Iowa, his birth having occurred in Salix, January 7, 1885, his parents being John and

Kate (Gibbons) Malloy. He pursued his education in St. Joseph's Academy of Salix, Iowa, and in Notre Dame University of Indiana, from which he was graduated. At the present writing, in 1921, he is president of the alumni association of the university.

Having carefully prepared for a professional career, Mr. Malloy was admitted to the bar of Oklahoma on the 20th of February, 1908, and entered at once upon the active practice of his profession. He served for two terms as county attorney of Tulsa county, being elected to the position on the democratic ticket. He won high praise from the bench in the prosecution of a murder trial and the defendant was afterward granted a new trial on the ground that the jury returned a verdict under the spell of Mr. Malloy's argument rather than upon facts based in the evidence. Leading lawyers of this section of the country claim that it was the greatest speech ever delivered in the west.

Mr. Malloy is largely a self-educated as well as a self-made man. He was left an orphan at the age of fourteen years, both his father and his mother meeting death in a cyclone at Salix, Iowa, which also carried off two of his brothers and a sister. Though early thrown upon his own resources, he has wisely used his talents and his opportunities and step by step he has advanced. Following his admission to the bar his progress has been continuous, notwithstanding that advancement at the bar is proverbially slow. He has ever prepared his cases with great thoroughness and care and every statement that he makes is made in a convincing way that leaves no doubt as to the correctness of his position nor as to the logic of his conclusions. He is now the general counsel for the great Constantin Refining Company, one of the largest in the world, and is displaying in corporation practice ability equal to that which he early manifested in connection with criminal law.

On the 5th of October, 1910, Mr. Malloy was married to Lenore Harrington of Sioux City, Iowa, and they have become parents of two children, John and Pat, aged, respectively, seven and five years. Mr. Malloy was for two years state deputy of the Knights of Columbus of Oklahoma and for many years has been national delegate from this state. Fraternally he is also connected with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and has been called to all parts of the middle west to deliver addresses at memorial services and on other public occasions. He seems never at a loss for a word and always to have chosen the right word, being a most fluent speaker and one who at all times carries conviction to the minds of his hearers.

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#### HAROLD ROY GRUBER.

The industrial interests of Tulsa find a worthy representative in Harold Roy Gruber, who is the secretary and treasurer of the Muskogee Tool Company. He was born in Elk City, Clarion county, Pennsylvania, August 9, 1878, a son of Jacob and Emma (McClelland) Gruber. The father is now living in Ranger, Texas, and is associated with the Muskogee Tool Company. His wife, who was born in Clarion county, Pennsylvania, passed away in 1909. In their family were six children, five of whom are living.

Harold Roy Gruber attended the schools of Elk City, Pennsylvania, and took up the work of rig building when fifteen years of age, becoming familiar with the work of constructing tank lines and other industrial activity that has to do with the oil business and the construction of machinery. From the 1st of



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June, 1899, until January, 1911, he was with the Oil Well Supply Company, and on the 3d of February, 1911, he made his way to the southwest, removing from West Virginia to Muskogee, Oklahoma. He was chosen secretary and treasurer of the Muskogee Tool Company on the 11th of January, 1911, and filled that position until December, 1912, at which date he became connected with the Interstate Pipe & Cordage Company, remaining as one of its officials until the 1st of May, 1916. He then became active with the Muskogee Tool Company, manufacturers of drilling and fishing tools for oil, gas and artesian wells.

On the 2d of December, 1909, Mr. Gruber was married to Miss Grace Buchanan, who was born in Bradford, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Russell F. Buchanan, upon whose father's farm was developed the first well in the Bradford oil field. Mr. and Mrs. Gruber have become parents of a daughter, Emily, born September 19, 1909.

Mr. Gruber is well known in Masonic circles, belonging to Sistersville, West Virginia Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Chapter, No. 27, R. A. M., of Sistersville, West Virginia; Mountain States Commandery, No. 14, K. T.; and Bedouin Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Muskogee, Oklahoma. He also has membership with the United Commercial Travelers. He is very active in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association and is a most public-spirited citizen, giving earnest support to every plan and measure for the public good. Those who know him, and he has a wide acquaintance, recognize in him a most successful business man, whose well directed interests have brought him substantial prosperity and they also name him as a popular citizen by reason of his genial nature and cordial disposition and his fidelity to high standards.

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#### ALLAN R. SHAW.

Since August, 1919, Allan R. Shaw has been attorney for and vice president of the Oklahoma Central Oil Company with offices at 206 Cosden building, Tulsa, Oklahoma. He has been associated with that concern since its organization in 1919.

Born on the 6th day of September, 1888, at Lima, Ohio, he was the son of Thomas R. and Fannie H. (Halladay) Shaw. His parents were both born in that state, where his father was a prominent member of the legal profession until about 1896, when he engaged in the oil business and has been an independent operator since that time. He is now operating in the Wyoming fields and is making his home in Denver. Mrs. Shaw passed away November 23, 1918.

The public schools of Lima, Ohio, afforded Allan R. Shaw an education and after graduating from the high school there he entered the University of Michigan, remaining two years, when he became a student of the University of Kansas, graduating in law from that institution with the class of 1911. He then commenced the practice of his profession in Kansas City, Missouri. Removing to Tulsa, he became associated, three years later, with the legal department of the Southwestern Petroleum Company, in which connection he continued until May, 1918, when he entered the employment of the Emergency Fleet Corporation at Pascagoula, Mississippi. He was enrolled at the last officer's training camp at Camp Fremont, California.

On the 4th day of June, 1917, occurred the marriage of Mr. Shaw to Oreta Elizabeth Moore, a daughter of John T. and Lou (Rankin) Moore, the former

a native of England and the latter of Ohio. Both Mr. and Mrs. Moore are living and are residing at Lawrence, Kansas.

Since age conferred upon Mr. Shaw the right of franchise he has been a staunch supporter of the democratic party. He is a member of the First Presbyterian church of Tulsa and fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Delta Lodge, No. 425, and Indian Consistory, No. 2, at McAlester. Mr. Shaw is a member of the Tulsa City Club and the University Club and he is likewise a member of the Alpha Tau Omega college fraternity. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw reside at 1601 South Detroit avenue. In his professional and business connections he has won the confidence and respect of many and has won for himself a host of friends.

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#### ALFRED C. SPITZNAGEL.

Alfred C. Spitznagel, proprietor of the Tulsa Stove & Foundry Company at Sand Springs, was born in Peoria, Illinois, June 17, 1865, a son of Alfred C. and Catherine (Rehil) Spitznagel, natives of Canada.

Alfred C. Spitznagel attended school at Peoria, Illinois, and graduated from the Dudley Polytechnic Institute in 1888. For ten years he was superintendent of the Woods, Evertz Stove Company at Springfield, Missouri, as well as stockholder in the company, but in 1912 severed his connections with them and came to Tulsa county, where he erected a modern stove factory and foundry, covering four acres of land and located at Sand Springs. He engages in the manufacture of stoves, a general line of castings, gray iron, brass, bronze and aluminum, and his business is of extensive proportions, covering the states of Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas and Texas. The demand is constantly increasing and the plant employs more than seventy people. Mr. Spitznagel is a stockholder in the Atlas Life Insurance Company and the Tulsa Structural Steel Company.

On the 25th of January, 1888, occurred the marriage of Mr. Spitznagel to Ricka Becker and to them seven children have been born: Grover C., Keith P., Hazel, Opal, Esther, Claudine and Electa.

Mr. Spitznagel gives his political endorsement to the republican party but has never sought personal preferment, devoting his whole attention to the up-building of his business interests. Fraternally he is a Mason, being a Shriner and having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and he is likewise a Knight of Pythias. He is a man of strong character, sound judgment and thorough practical information and these qualities, combined with an unswerving integrity, have brought about his present-day success. He takes an earnest and unselfish interest in public affairs and any movement for the promotion of the general welfare is assured his staunch support.

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#### ARTHUR B. HONNOLD.

Tulsa, with her pulsing industrial activities and growing commercial interests, is constantly drawing to herself men of marked ability in professional lines. Especially in connection with the operation of the oil fields there has come splendid opportunity for the able lawyer, because of the many involved and complex problems that have had to do with the corporation interests here represented. In this



connection Arthur B. Honnold has made for himself a creditable name and place as a member of the firm of Mason & Honnold. He was born on a farm in Edgar county, Illinois, July 12, 1876, a son of Benjamin and Alice (Hallock) Honnold, the former a native of Ohio, while the latter was born in Coles county, Illinois. The father removed to Illinois when a lad of twelve years and afterward went with his family to Kansas. He devoted the greater part of his life to farming, but at the time of the Civil war responded to the country's call for aid and served with the Union army. He was a member of the Baptist church and also of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He passed away in 1910, while his wife survived for a decade, her death occurring in March, 1920. They had a family of seven children, four of whom are living.

Arthur B. Honnold attended the public and high schools of Winfield, Kansas, later acquiring a university education and being admitted to practice law in 1902. He spent the most of his boyhood and youth in the southwestern part of the Sunflower state. He entered upon active practice in Pottawatomie county, Oklahoma, and later practiced in Oklahoma City and also in St. Paul, Minnesota, and in 1917 he came to Tulsa, where he has remained, being now a member of the well known firm of Mason & Honnold. In 1908 he became widely known as the author of Honnold's Oklahoma "Justice," now in its second edition. He has since made many other valuable contributions to the literature of the profession, and in 1917 his *Workmen's Compensation* was published in two volumes by the Vernon Law Book Company. His investigations and researches have been broad and deep, while his opinions carry weight and authority to all who read his works. He is today not only known as the author of many legal volumes and regarded as a deep and thorough student of law, but is widely recognized as a foremost practitioner.

Mr. Honnold is married and has a son, Wallace H., who is now a student at the West Point Military Academy; and a daughter, Ruth. His wife was Miss Georgia Wallace.

Politically Mr. Honnold is a democrat, and fraternally a Mason, Elk and a Knight of Pythias. He is interested in all those forces which promote higher intellectual standards and which uphold the legal and moral status of the community and country, and has cooperated in many forces and projects which have been of public benefit and interest.

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### JAMES KELL WILSON.

James Kell Wilson, a man of much ability and an energetic and hard worker, has made steady advancement in his business career until his position is an important one in connection with the oil interests of Oklahoma, for he is now the president of the Stanhope Petroleum Company of Tulsa. He was born in Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania, May 27, 1890, his father being the Rev. H. S. Wilson, a Presbyterian minister, whose birth occurred at Tidioute, Pennsylvania. He is still an active representative of the Presbyterian clergy, being now pastor of a church in York, Pennsylvania. He married Nancy Long and they became the parents of two children, James K. and Warren H., the latter still residing in the Keystone state.

James Kell Wilson became a pupil in the public schools of Mount Pleasant, at the usual age, passing through consecutive grades to the high school, after which he attended Monmouth College and was graduated therefrom with the class of 1912.

Early in his business career he became identified with the Hope Natural Gas Company of West Virginia, with which he remained for seven years, engaged in both office and field work at Clarksburg, West Virginia. Later he became identified with the Hope Construction & Refining Company of Oklahoma, coming to this state in 1917, at which time he made his way to Bartlesville. Since then he has removed to Tulsa and at this writing is the president of the Stanhope Petroleum Company, a leasing production corporation. He is a very energetic young man, and while a comparatively new man in the oil business here, is highly regarded and is accounted one of those whose future seems bright with promise by reason of what he has already achieved. Mr. Wilson belongs to the Petroleum Club and fraternally is connected with Herman Lodge, No. 6, A. F. & A. M., loyally following the teachings and purposes of the craft. Already he has won a creditable name and place in Tulsa's business circles and his future career will be well worth watching.

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### FITZ S. HURD.

Identified with financial affairs of broad scope and responsibility, Fitz S. Hurd, president of the First National Bank of Broken Arrow, is one of the representative citizens of Tulsa county. He was born in Grantville, Kansas, June 26, 1867, a son of Adam C. and Elizabeth (Enochs) Hurd, the former a native of New York and the latter of Ohio. In 1857 the father removed to Kansas, where he engaged in the lumber business until the outbreak of the Civil war, when he enlisted in the Fifth Kansas Cavalry and served for about four years. At the close of hostilities he ran a ferry on the Kansas river near Topeka but in 1872 retired from that line of work and bought two hundred and ten acres of land in Jefferson county, which he has improved and continues to operate at the advanced age of eighty-four years. Mrs. Hurd passed away in March, 1882.

Fitz S. Hurd was reared and educated in Grantville, Jefferson county, Kansas, and remained under the parental roof until reaching man's estate, when he engaged in the creamery business. For two years he followed that work in Stockton, Kansas, and then removed to Meriden, where for eight years he devoted his entire attention and energy to learning every phase of the business. His ability won him constant promotion and after working as butter maker for some time he became manager of the creamery at Meriden. Desiring a broader field in which to work he then removed to Kansas City, remaining there for two years and achieving more than a substantial amount of success. In December of the year 1902, he came to Tulsa county and locating in Broken Arrow was quick to see the possibilities for the growth and development of that community. At the time of his arrival there was not much of a town, for a few settlers had just started it in October of that year and the railroad was not built through until July, 1903. However, Mr. Hurd realized the opportunities it offered, purchased land on which the First National Bank now stands, went back to Kansas City, where he bought supplies and then returned to his adopted state. He did not enter his old line of business there but organized the Traders & Planters Bank, which was reorganized in 1904 as the First National Bank. He held the office of cashier of the First Bank and also of the First National Bank until 1916, when he was made president of the institution, an office in which his executive ability has been well demonstrated. The First National Bank has a capital of twenty-

five thousand dollars, a surplus of twenty thousand and deposits of three hundred thousand. The success of the bank seemed assured from the start and the business became so extensive that in 1910 a new and more modern building was erected. The building is beautifully appointed and contains up-to-date offices, which are rented to lawyers and other business men. The son of Mr. Hurd, Fitz C., is vice president of the institution and G. B. Chenoweth is cashier. In addition to his financial associations in Broken Arrow, Mr. Hurd is director of the Arkansas Valley State Bank and he owns considerable valuable farm property in Tulsa county. He is likewise interested in oil production and receives a substantial income from investments in certain reliable companies.

On the 8th of January, 1890, occurred the marriage of Mr. Hurd and Miss Nancy Crandall and to them three children have been born: Fitz C., whose birth occurred on the 17th of November, 1890, and of whom further mention has already been made in this review; Ruth, born in October, 1892, now the wife of Carden Green of Dallas, Texas; and Paul R., born in July, 1895, now a resident of Breckinridge, Texas, where he is engaged in contracting and building.

Since age conferred upon Mr. Hurd the right of franchise he has been a staunch supporter of the republican party and the principles for which it stands. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church, which organization he serves as elder, and fraternally he is identified with the Masons, being a member of the blue lodge, Scottish Rite and Shrine. He is likewise a member of Akdar Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Tulsa. As one of the most prominent citizens of Broken Arrow he takes an active interest in the development and improvement of civic affairs and to that end is a member of the Chamber of Commerce. He has served as school treasurer and also was for some time town treasurer. During the World war Mr. Hurd cheerfully subordinated all of his personal interests and took a prominent part in all local activities. He was chairman of the Council of Defense and chairman of the Four-Minute men of the Third Liberty Loan drive and gave generously of his money. His sons both volunteered for service and were in France for ten months. Fitz C. was a first class sergeant in the air service and Paul was in the quartermaster's department. The last named son received a citation from General Pershing. Starting out in life on his own account at an early age Mr. Hurd has learned his lessons in the school of experience and his success is the result of his own determined effort, intelligently directed. He has seen the work of progress and development carried steadily forward and at all times has done his part. He is widely known throughout his section of the state as a man of true personal worth.

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#### WALTER P. NELSON.

Walter P. Nelson, the senior member of the representative law firm of Nelson & Blair, with offices in the Security State Bank building, has made for himself distinct vantage place as one of the able and successful lawyers of the younger generation in the city of Tulsa, and the firm of which he is a member controls a substantial law business, confined largely to civil practice.

Mr. Nelson was born at Antigo, Wisconsin, September 5, 1886, and is a son of John and Margaret (Miller) Nelson, both of whom were born near the city of Copenhagen, Denmark, where they were reared and educated, their marriage having been solemnized in Denmark, the father having come to the

United States in the year 1872 and the mother in 1874. John Nelson became a successful dealer in farm implements and continued his residence at Antigo, Wisconsin, until about the year 1908, when he removed to Houston, Texas, where he resided until his death, which occurred in April, 1916. He was a republican in politics, and was affiliated with the Masonic fraternity. His widow is living with her son, Walter P., in Tulsa, and holds membership in the Christian Science church.

After having profited by the advantages offered by the excellent public schools of his native place Walter P. Nelson was for three years a student in Lawrence College, at Appleton, Wisconsin, where he became affiliated with the Theta Phi law fraternity, and in preparation for his chosen profession he entered the law department of the great University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, in which institution he was graduated as a member of the class of 1913 and from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws. After his graduation Mr. Nelson began the practice of his profession at Houston, Texas, but in 1914 he came to Oklahoma and engaged in practice in the city of Tulsa, where his success has been on a par with his distinctive technical ability and persistent application. Since August, 1918, he has been associated in practice with William B. Blair, under the firm name of Nelson & Blair, and of the junior member of the firm mention is made on other pages of this work.

Mr. Nelson is an active member of the Tulsa County Bar Association, is a republican in political allegiance, and his religious inclinations are toward the teachings of the Christian Science church. He is a director of the Crockett MacInnis Printing Company. In 1918 Mr. Nelson entered the nation's military service in connection with America's participation in the World war, his period of service having been passed at Camp Pike, Arkansas, where he was assigned to service in the base hospital and the adjutant's office and where he remained until December, 1918, when he was mustered out and received his honorable discharge.

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#### Z. I. J. HOLT.

Z. I. J. Holt, county judge of Tulsa county, who was admitted to the bar in June, 1901, and has since actively engaged in practice, was born on a farm near Terre Haute in Vigo county, Indiana, October 18, 1873, a son of Joel and Mary E. Holt. The former now lives in Seneca, Missouri, at the age of seventy-nine years, but the latter died in 1876.

Z. I. J. Holt obtained a common and high school education in the schools of Seneca, Missouri, and taking up the profession of teaching was for five years thus connected with the schools of Newton county, Missouri. His desire to become a member of the bar led him to enter upon active preparation for law practice and he was admitted in June, 1901, in Missouri. He went to the land opening of the Kiowa and Commanche country at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, in July, 1901, and there established a law office at Lawton immediately after the opening, in association with Frank L. Haymes, who is now county judge at Vinita, Oklahoma, and with Scott Ferris, former congressman from this state. Through the intervening years Judge Holt has continued an active representative of the bar, making steady progress in his profession by reason of his broad study, close application, his thoroughness and his devotion to the interests of his clients. He came with the intention of remaining here and so his investments have been placed in this state. He owns one of the best homes in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, together with land in Creek, Wagoner and Tulsa counties

and he also has some land producing oil royalty. He served as the first city attorney of Broken Arrow after it became a city of the first class and he was appointed county judge of Tulsa county, May 17, 1921, and is now filling the office.

On the 3d of February, 1903, Judge Holt was married to Miss Allie S. Cherryhomes of Lawton, Oklahoma, daughter of John M. and Alice Cherryhomes, now of Corpus Christi, Texas. Judge and Mrs. Holt have become parents of one child, Gladys Ione, fifteen years of age, who was graduated from the high school of Broken Arrow on the 18th of May, 1921, the youngest representative of a class numbering twenty-four members. Judge Holt and his wife have membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and his political allegiance is given to the democratic party. He stands loyally for all those interests which he believes of value and benefit to the community at large and he has done much to promote public progress, to uphold ideals and to advance high standards in all matters of citizenship.

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### LON LEWIS HUTCHISON, A. B., M. S.

Nature has written a most fascinating story in the rocks and the sand and in fact in every phase of the earth's structure—a story that is easily read by the geologist who recognizes the forces that were at work in the earth's making and who by reason of the structure and the surface indications can read what is to be found far below in the depths of the earth. Scientific and practical training have made Lon Lewis Hutchison a well known geologist and oil producer. He is a Yale man who has found his opportunity in the great west. He was born in Marion county, Kansas, July 26, 1877, and is a son of Humphrey Lewis and Annie D. (Smith) Hutchison. His youthful days were spent upon the home ranch, where he was tutored by his parents and where his youthful experience as a cowboy gave him reliance and health. Between the ages of seven and twelve years he herded cattle and in fact was able to do the work of a man.

When nineteen years of age Mr. Hutchison began teaching in the schools of Oklahoma and in 1897 was called to the position of principal of the Osage public school, while later he became principal of the school of Cleveland, Oklahoma. In 1900 he was appointed deputy superintendent of schools of Pawnee county but was desirous of improving his own knowledge and with this end in view matriculated in the University of Oklahoma, from which he was graduated with the Bachelor of Arts degree as a member of the class of 1907. During his student days he specialized in geology and his graduation thesis, "The Stratigraphy of Oklahoma North of the Parallel of Thirty-five Degrees and Thirty Minutes," still remains the most complete treatise on the geology of that region. His attainments gained him a scholarship at Yale and he completed his course within the classic walls of New Haven's institution in 1908 by winning the degree of Master of Science. In the same year he was appointed instructor in geology of Brown University but soon after resigned to become assistant director of the Oklahoma State Geological Survey, serving from July, 1908, until November, 1910. There are few, if any, who have examined so thoroughly into the deposits to be found in Oklahoma as Mr. Hutchison. With his return to the west he was appointed assistant director of the bureau in charge of investigations of the coal, oil, gas, asphalt, lead, zinc and gypsum resources of the state. He became the first consulting geologist in oil and gas west of the Mississippi and he entered upon the private practice of his profession as a consulting geologist in 1910 and thus

continued until 1913, during which year he entered the field as an independent oil producer. For a time he devoted himself to the work of surveying coal lands for private individuals after resigning his official position in 1910. The following year he took charge of the science department of the Tulsa high school but in 1912 resigned that position in order to devote his entire attention as a geological expert to the development of the oil and gas fields of the state. In July, 1913, he became an independent producer, organizing the Kanola Oil Company, of which he is the president and general manager. While operating his oil properties he purchased and conducted a zinc mine at Joplin, Missouri, which he sold after bringing it to a successful dividend paying stage. He collaborated on Bulletin No. 1 of the Oklahoma Geological Survey on resources of the state and wrote Bulletin No. 2 on oil, gas and asphalt of Oklahoma, this being the first complete and comprehensive report on the general geology and asphalt, oil and gas resources of the state. He also investigated the oil fields of Ecuador and the fields of California for the Union Des-Petrol of Paris and the Hague in 1914. His reports were so satisfactory that he received many other like offers, which, however, he declined, preferring to confine himself to his own large and growing affairs at home.

It was Mr. Hutchison who mapped the famous Cushing field for private interests that drilled the first well in the North Extension and then sold their interest for thirty-six million dollars. It seemed that Mr. Hutchison turned his attention into a decidedly different field when he bought control of the Tulsa Hospital, taking active management thereof in October, 1915. He made this one of the best hospitals and largest training schools for nurses in northeast Oklahoma and was actively identified with the institution until March, 1918, when he disposed of his interest.

On the 3d of October, 1907, Mr. Hutchison was married to Jessie Pennington, a daughter of James E. Pennington, of Norman, Oklahoma, and they have become parents of a son and a daughter: Gregory Lewis, who, entering high school at the age of eleven years, is at the head of his class; and Mary Genevieve. The family residence is maintained at Tulsa and Mr. Hutchison is a member of the Tulsa City Club and also of the Chamber of Commerce. He finds rest and recreation in hunting, fishing and other forms of outdoor life. His political endorsement is given to the democratic party and his religious faith is that of the Christian church. His interest centers in those channels through which flow the greatest good to the greatest number. Along scientific lines his connection is with the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers and the American Society of Petroleum Geologists, likewise the Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association and the Oklahoma Academy of Science. That he is a man of immense energy and broad human sympathies is shown by his development of the large hospital with which he was formerly associated and by his support of many interests and activities which have to do with the uplift and benefit of the individual and the betterment of the community at large. Occupying an eminent place in scientific fields, he has never allowed his investigations of that character to warp his kindly nature nor dwarf his sense of obligation to his fellowmen.

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#### JOHN O. CAMPBELL.

With the discrimination, surety and reliability that make for successful and valuable service in the real estate business, John O. Campbell is conducting effective operations that have been prolific in furthering the material and civic

advancement of the city of Tulsa, and he is one of the leading exponents of this important line of enterprise in this section of the state.

A scion of old and sterling Virginia families, Mr. Campbell was born in the picturesque little mountain city of Staunton, Virginia, which is likewise the birthplace of ex-President Woodrow Wilson, and the historic Old Dominion state likewise figures as the place of birth of James B. and Jennie R. (Van Pelt) Campbell, parents of John O. Campbell, the lineage of the Campbell family tracing back to Scotch origin and that of the Van Pelt family to stanch Holland Dutch stock, as the name implies. James B. Campbell became a prosperous merchant at Burketown, Virginia, besides which he was the owner of a mill and of farm property. He was a gallant soldier of the Confederacy during practically the entire period of the Civil war, took part in many engagements, including the Seven Days' battle near Richmond, in which conflict he was wounded. He was affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, was a stanch democrat, and both he and his wife held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, South.

The schools of his native state afforded to John O. Campbell his early educational advantages, but his direct school work was limited, his broader education having been gained through self-discipline and association with the practical affairs of life. At the age of twenty years he became identified with the lumber business, at Whitehall, Virginia, where he continued this alliance four years and where during this period he was active in public affairs of local order. After leaving Whitehall Mr. Campbell became a traveling salesman for the Crawford Brothers Shoe Company of Baltimore, Maryland, which concern he represented throughout Virginia and Kentucky during a period of two years. His success as a salesman led to his advancement to the position of district manager for the Stimpson Computing Scale Company, his jurisdiction comprising the states of Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee, and a corps of salesmen were employed under his direct supervision. He retained this post three years and for the ensuing eight years was engaged in the hotel business at Hot Springs, Arkansas, as owner and manager of the Richmond Hotel. In 1908, after disposing of his interests at Hot Springs, he came to Tulsa, Oklahoma, and became proprietor of the Shirley Hotel, besides which he soon became associated with James B. Porter as copartner in the manufacturing of ice cream for wholesale distribution, this being the first enterprise of the kind in Tulsa and the enterprise having been conducted under the title of Purity Ice Cream Company. Later Mr. Campbell became identified with the wholesale and retail bakery business, as owner of the Lilly Bakery, and with this he continued his active association until he turned his attention to the real estate business, a field in which he has found splendid opportunities for successful exploitation that has redounded to the growth and advancement of Tulsa and the surrounding country. Mr. Campbell directed special attention to platting vacant property and erecting thereon homes for laboring men and their families, the various properties being sold on liberal terms of deferred payments. His first noteworthy project of this kind was the development of the suburban district of Buena Vista, and thereafter he opened and developed a desirable tract of land on the line of the Sand Springs interurban line, this place being finally incorporated as the village of Glenwood. He was the initiator also of the development of Carbondale, which under his vigorous direction has been well built up and constitutes a desirable residential addition to the city of Tulsa. The success which has attended the extensive real estate operations of Mr. Campbell has been based upon his fair and honorable dealings, his discernment of values of various properties and his liberal policies in development work. He is a

charter member of Tulsa Real Estate Exchange, is one of the most loyal and resourceful "boosters" of the fine metropolis in which his interests are centered, and is a vigorous advocate of good roads, good schools and clean and progressive municipal, county and state government. He has oil interests in the Tulsa district, and has achieved distinctive financial success since establishing his home in Oklahoma. He has been dependent entirely upon his own resources in making his way to the goal of substantial prosperity and his fairness and integrity have gained to him a reputation that is in itself a definite business asset.

The year 1902 recorded the marriage of Mr. Campbell to Miss Maude Wallace of Craigsville, Virginia, and they have five children, namely: Margaret, Virginia, John O., Jr., Benjamin Meade, and Stephen.

In a general way Mr. Campbell supports the principles of the democratic party, but in local affairs, where no definite issues are involved, he is not constrained by strict partisan lines. He is a member of the Tulsa Automobile Club, is affiliated with both the York and Scottish Rite bodies of the Masonic fraternity, his ancient craft membership being in Delta Lodge, No. 425, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, in which he has passed the official chairs. He is affiliated also with the chapter of Royal Arch Masons and the Commandery of Knights Templar in his home city, his Scottish Rite affiliations being with the consistory at Guthrie, and his Masonic connections being further amplified by his alliance with the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He holds membership in the Tulsa Lodge of the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias, and he and his wife are active members of the Presbyterian church, Mrs. Campbell being likewise prominent and popular in the representative social and club life of her home city.

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#### ROBERT W. KELLOUGH.

Robert W. Kellough, an attorney of Tulsa with a very large and important practice, representing many oil, gas and corporation interests, was born in Madison county, Ohio, March 2, 1881, a son of John W. and Asenath V. (Poole) Kellough. In the acquirement of his education he attended the public schools until graduated from the South Solon high school, subsequent to which time he continued his studies in the Ohio Northern University at Columbus and won his LL. B. degree as a member of the class of 1902. After engaging in practice elsewhere for several years he came to Tulsa. In a profession where advancement depends entirely upon individual merit and ability he has become one of the leading members of the Oklahoma bar, his clientage being very extensive and the interests which he handles of a most important character. He possesses a large law library, with the contents of which he is quite familiar and he is seldom, if ever, at fault in the application of a legal principle or in quoting a legal point before the court. He prepares his cases with great thoroughness and care, his deductions are sound, his reasoning clear and logical.

On the 10th of September, 1907, Mr. Kellough was married to Miss Ethel Booth of Independence, Kansas, and they have become the parents of two children: Helen Virginia, twelve years of age; and Thomas Booth, aged ten. Both are in school. Mr. Kellough is eligible to membership with the Sons of the American Revolution, for he is descended in both the paternal and maternal lines from ancestors who fought for American independence. His political endorsement is given to the republican party, but the honors and emoluments of office have no



attraction for him. He has always preferred to give his attention to his professional duties and business affairs and since coming to Tulsa he has acquired some valuable oil production property in the mid-continent field. Fraternally he is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and also with the Masons, being now a Knights Templar and a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason. He likewise belongs to Akdar Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Tulsa. He has membership with the various bar associations and in club circles is a prominent and popular figure, belonging to the leading organizations of this character in the city.



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